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400 AND COUNTING: DJOKOVIC CREATES ANOTHER HISTORY

On a dramatic Saturday, Jannik Sinner survived heat to advance, while Serb former World No 1 Novak Djokovic became the first man to win 400 Grand Slam matches. Djokovic, chasing a record 25th Major, saw off Netherlands' Botic van Zandschulp 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(4). The 10-time winner at Melbourne Park hasn't won a Slam since 2023 but he's feeling fresh and injury free **P15**

SC judge criticises executive influence in judge's transfer

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

A sitting judge of the Supreme Court publicly criticising its collegium that appoints and transfers judges to the higher judiciary is decidedly rare. However, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan on Saturday stuck his neck out by questioning a decision of the collegium to transfer a high court judge at the request of the Central government.

Observing that the executive has absolutely no say in the matter of transfer and postings of judges, Justice Bhuyan made the larger point that judges should not be seen as bending over backwards to justify denial of liberty or human rights. He warned that "if we lose our credibility, nothing will be left of the judiciary."

The Central government can have no say in the matter of transfer and posting of High Court Judges... It is within the exclusive domain of the judiciary

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan

Justice Bhuyan made the point while delivering the G V Pandit memorial lecture on "Constitutional Morality and Democratic Governance" at ILS Law College, Pune.

"When the collegium records that the transfer of a high court judge was being made at the request of the Central government, it reveals a striking intrusion of executive influence into what is constitutionally supposed to be an independent process," he asserted.

In October last year, the collegium headed by the then Chief Justice of India B R Gavai had revised its initial proposal to transfer Justice Atul Sreedharan from the Madhya Pradesh High Court to the Chhattisgarh High Court, recommending instead his transfer to the Allahabad High Court. The collegium said the change was made following a government request.

In Chhattisgarh, Justice Sreedharan would have joined the High Court collegium, whereas in Allahabad his seniority would be much lower. The decision drew criticism due to his reputation as an independent judge. Earlier, Justice Sreedharan had taken suo motu action against a Madhya Pradesh minister for remarks against a serving female Colonel.

Justice Bhuyan, without naming Justice Sreedharan questioned the reason for his transfer from one HC to another, just because he had passed certain inconvenient orders against the government. "Does it not affect the independence of the judiciary?" he asked.

Path open to lift 25% tariff: US

Russian oil import down, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent sees possibility of easing levy

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

A couple of booster shots have arrived just before the Union Budget, which could possibly lift the sentiments of the Indian economy further.

Even as the country is all set to sign a free trade deal with the European Union, which both sides see as the 'mother of all deals', the US hinted at a diplomatic path to lift the 25% additional import duty it levied on Indian goods after a "marked decline in India's imports of Russian oil in recent months".

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent hinted during a media interaction that the US administration could consider reducing the 50% tariff imposed on several sectors of Indian exports, as there has been a significant fall in imports of Russian oil in recent months.

The indication is being seen as hints of a potential easing of trade headwinds at a crucial juncture. Coming just a week ahead of the Union Budget 2026, the development has raised hopes of improved export prospects, stronger bilateral trade sentiment, and a more supportive global backdrop for India's growth narrative.

During his interaction with an American news outlet *Politico* at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Bessent said: "We put 25% tariffs on India for buying Russian oil. And the Indian purchases, by their refineries, of Russian oil have collapsed. That is a success." Bessent assured that the administration will be open to discussions to ease them. "The tariffs are still on. I would imagine there is a path to take them off."

US President Donald Trump announced a total of 50% tariff (including a 25% tariff due to imports of crude oil from Russia) on several Indian exports, including textile, apparel, carpets, gems and jewelleries from August-end. This additional tariff came as a penalty for buying Russian oil. According to Bessent, the tactic of pressuring India has worked as the import of crude oil from Russia has come down considerably in the last few months.

INDIA'S CRUDE IMPORTS

Month	Russia	US
Dec 2024	1,482	67
Jan 2025	1,674	293
Feb 2025	1,476	145
March 2025	1,868	289
Apr 2025	1,924	337
May 2025	1,851	298
June 2025	2,089	303
July 2025	1,591	364
Aug 2025	1,689	230
Sept 2025	1,614	207
Oct 2025	1,619	568
Nov 2025	1,836	451
Dec 2025	1,146	330

KBD: 1,000 barrel per day

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Scott Bessent

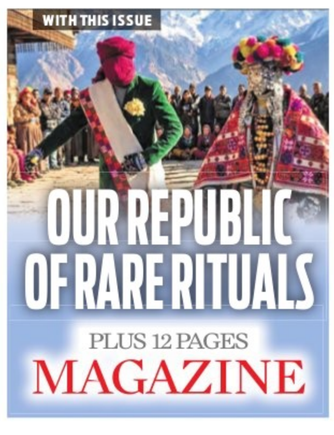
Relief for exporters

Cuts to US tariffs and the FTA with EU will bring much respite to Indian exporters

T20 WC: B'desh out, Scotland in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

AND just like that, the Asian bloc, the most powerful bloc in international cricket seems to be in tatters, at least for the time being. But there was no way out once Bangladesh stood their ground of not travelling to India so close to the T20 World Cup beginning from February 7. Though there have been withdrawals in the past, because of the passion involved in the sub-continent, this seems more high profile and talked-about. **P15**



EXPRESS READ

India votes against UN resolution on Iran

NEW DELHI: India voted against a resolution at the UNHRC condemning Iran's violent crackdown on recent protests and extending international investigative mandates. The resolution was adopted at the Council's 39th special session with 25 votes in favour, seven against and 14 abstentions. Besides India, China, Pakistan, Indonesia and Iraq voted against the measure **P9**

Eating honey? Most samples in South India untested

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

CONSUMERS in South India are at a health risk of consuming synthetic, adulterated or pesticide-ridden honey even as the demand for the nectar and its byproducts is rising for health and beauty reasons.

Far too few honey samples from southern states are coming up for testing under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission – or Madhukranti, despite the rising number of honey-testing laboratories across India.

To take the quality of honey-testing a few notches higher, the ICAR-IIHR Bengaluru is working on creating methods to detect and trace levels of antibiotics and pesticides in honey. **P6**

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WEATHER

MIN 16°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 06.46 am
Sunset 06.17 pm
Moonrise 11.09 am
Moonset 11.59 pm

TOWARDS MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

Surya Uthkarsha is on a mission to spread awareness on road safety among children with his The Marg Initiative

ANUBHAB ROY @ Bengaluru

FOURTEEN-year-old Surya Uthkarsha of Bengaluru met with a major road accident when he was just six. This made him recognise the seriousness and importance of road safety in cities such as Bengaluru.

When he turned 12, he launched The Marg Initiative, a volunteer-based organisation that teaches road safety to children. "When I was six, I met with an accident on a highway near Shivamogga. That's when I realised that there's not enough awareness or programmes on road safety in India. Then, I came in touch with many victims of road accidents, which inspired me to start The Marg Initiative," says Uthkarsha, expressing his gratitude to the moral support he received from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), India and Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

The Marg has around 20 volunteers, all of whom are students. Two are in the US, where there is no pressing need for road safety awareness unlike in India, according to Uthkarsha. Bengaluru has eight volunteers and New Delhi and Surat have seven and four, respectively.

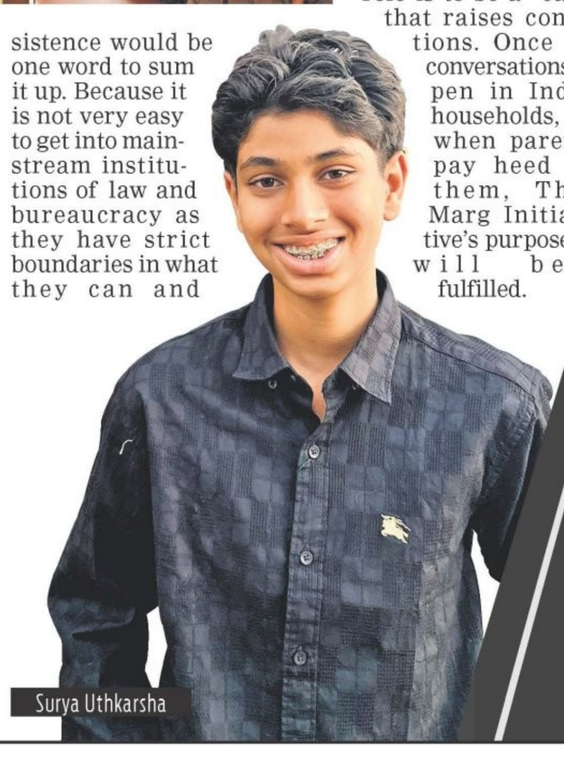
The organisation tries to fill the lacuna in the mainstream school education system that ignores the importance of road safety. Volunteers of Marg go to schools and orphanages and educate children there.

"The more the parents push their children to be independent, the more they fall back when it comes to road safety. I think children are pretty open-minded and are keen to learn. But there's no one to teach them about road safety. It's not easy to convince schools to let us hold sessions for students. We have sent more than 2,000 emails to schools across India and the response has been very low," rues Uthkarsha.

Though the venture took shape two-and-a-half years ago, it is yet to gain traction and garner institutional backing.

Undeterred, Uthkarsha says, "I think one thing that really helped me was using my age as a leverage to get more opportunities. If I cold-call or cold-email someone and start with my age, then they are more intrigued. They are curious about what this kid is building. Persistence would be one word to sum it up. Because it is not very easy to get into mainstream institutions of law and bureaucracy as they have strict boundaries in what they can and can't do."

Despite many challenges, volunteers of Marg refuse to be bogged down. Uthkarsha knows all too well that with its few volunteers, the organisation can hardly be omnipresent. However, he believes that the organisation's core role is to be a "catalyst" that raises conversations. Once these conversations happen in India's households, and when parents pay heed to them, The Marg Initiative's purpose will be fulfilled.



Surya Uthkarsha

THE MARG INITIATIVE
A youth-led nonprofit initiative promoting Road Safety under SDG 3 through awareness, advocacy & innovation.
Awareness
Advocacy
Innovation

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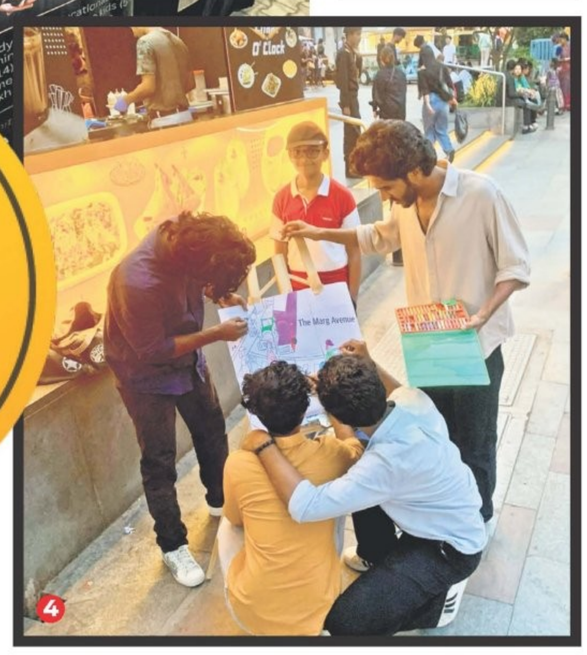
-- Surya Uthkarsha, Founder, The Marg Initiative



1. A session at National Public School, Rajajinagar **2.** An outreach programme at Arya Sevashrama **3.** An awareness campaign during the Bengaluru Midnight Marathon **4.** A public drive on Church Street | EXPRESS

No Tornado bike stunt at R-Day parade this year

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Urban District Administration, along with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the Bengaluru City Police, will host the 77th Republic Day parade at the Manekshaw Parade Ground on Monday. As part of the event, 37 contingents will participate in the parade march.

Unlike previous years, the popular bike stunt by the 'Tornado' team of the ASC Centre will not be part of this year's celebrations. According to the district administration, the decision was taken for two reasons.

"Last year, the event exceeded 11.45 am due to time constraints. Additionally, the Tornado team has been split and deployed in Delhi and Goa this year," an official said. This year's programme will begin at 8.58 am, with the Governor unfurling the national flag at 9 a.m., followed by the guard of honour and the Republic Day address. The event is scheduled to conclude by 11 am.

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao said all preparations, including the issuance of passes, entry and exit arrangements, and installation of CCTV cameras, were almost complete. "About 1,100 people will participate in the parade, including contingents from the Army, Air Force, CRPF women, Tamil Nadu State Police, Scouts and Guides, NCC, Seva Dal and schoolchildren, forming a total of 37 marching and band groups," he said.

Around 400 children will take part in two cultural programmes organised by the Police Department. Security has been significantly strengthened following an incident last year in which an intruder stormed the parade ground and threw a paper in protest against the government over employment issues.

The GBA and the district administration have made extensive bandobast arrangements, including the installation of 100 CCTV cameras and four baggage scanners, along with systematic traffic control measures. Adequate ambulances and medical personnel have been deployed.

Officers during the full dress rehearsal ahead of the Republic Day parade at Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru on Saturday | KEVIN NASHON

Traffic curbs in place from 8.30am to 10.30 am

Traffic from BRV Junction to Kamaraj Road will be regulated on both sides. Vehicles from Infantry Road towards Manipal Centre must take the route via Safina Plaza, Main Guard Cross Road, Kamaraj Road and Cubbon Road. Vehicles from Manipal Centre towards BRV Junction on Cubbon Road will be prohibited and diverted via Webbs Junction, Mg Road, Mayo Hall and Anil Kumble Circle. Vehicles from Anil Kumble Circle towards Cubbon Road will be diverted via Central Street, Infantry Road, Kamaraj Road and Cubbon Road. Due to Security reasons ban on carrying mobile phones, helmets, cameras, radio, umbrella and andy other equipment to the Parade Ground by invitees is barred. All should to be seated before 8 am.

No-parking zones - Central Street from Anil Anil Kumble Circle to Shivajinagar Bus Stand. Cubbon Road from CTO Circle to KP Road and Cubbon Road Junction. MG Road from Anil Kumble Circle to Queens Cirle (both sides)

66 visually impaired students to be part of Republic Day parade

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

IT has been 43 years since students of Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind and 28 years since wards of Samarthanam Trust for the Blind have been taking part in the Republic Day Parade held at the Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru.

What makes it unique is that they have not missed a single year to be part of the march. Ananth, a special trainer for the partially and fully visually impaired students at Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy, said, "This year, 33 students are participating in the march past. Of them, six are 100% blind, while the rest are partially blind. What is more special this year is that Class 5 students are part of this march. Every year, partially blind students lead the march. They cannot see objects and people clearly, but can see the light and step ahead. They hold a rod which is 10 metres long and perform the march past." Devaraj from Samarthanam said, "35 students are participating. Of them, 32 will be part of the march, while three will be in reserve. Twelve students are 100% blind, while the rest are partially blind. Samarthanam has two special trainers. While the partially blind students have a trainer who is partially blind, 100% blind students have a similar trainer. Only those who have conditions similar to students can train them."

He said, "The march improves their posture, better balance, coordination, confidence and they start moving independently in straight lines without anybody's support." Ananth said, "The students are trained by holding their hands. We tell them to turn their face and salute the flag. They understand dhaye, bhaye and peeche so it is not much of a task for us. The training begins a month before Republic Day."

Officials must personally inspect wards, voter list: Rao

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Saturday instructed officials to conduct the voter list-related processes in a regular and transparent manner, ahead of GBA elections. Addressing a meeting at the Town Hall, he said, "A revised circular was issued by the State Election Commission on January 22 for the GBA elections. Accordingly, officials of all the five urban corporations were instructed to take appropriate steps and act responsibly. Officers in the respective urban corporations should personally inspect the ward boundaries and avoid confusion," he said.

Voter registration officers (revenue officers) should devote 2-3 hours every day prioritising election work along with property tax collection and to prepare the voter list without any loopholes, Rao said. He directed officers to ensure that booth level officers (BLOs) visit every house during the voter list revision and keep the relevant documents properly while carrying out the process of addition, correction and deletion.

Final voter list put off to March 30

It is reported that the final voter list under the Greater Bengaluru Authority limits has been deferred to March 30. Earlier, State Election Commissioner GS Sangershi had stated that the list would be out on March 16. Officials said the delay is because they have to carry out matrix mapping, add suggestions, segregate the list as per the new ward boundaries and then publish. This will take 15 days, and the list will be published on March 30, they added.

EXPRESS READ

Pinkathon: Run for breast cancer awareness today

BENGALURU: The eighth edition of India's biggest women's race, Pinkathon, returns to Bengaluru. The run, sponsored by Zydus Pinkathon, is being held after seven years, and expects the participation of over 5,000 women. The race will be held at the Kanteerava Stadium on Sunday, said Secretary to Youth Empowerment and Sports Department Naveen Raj Singh. "This race will play a major role in maintaining the health and fitness of women. This is the country's largest women's running platform," he said. The race will begin at 5 am and include various long-distance running categories, including 3 km, 5 km, 10 km, 50 km, 75 km, 100 km and 100 km relay. Zydus Pinkathon is being organised with the support of Department of YES, Government of Karnataka, Sports Authority of India and Fit India. "Bengaluru has always been a city with a strong connection to running and fitness. Especially young working women sometimes forget to take breaks for their health. Hence, we made it a point to bring the Pinkathon back to Bengaluru," he said.

Man held for promising fake KPSC membership

BENGALURU: The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police arrested a man, who allegedly cheated a college assistant professor by falsely promising him a membership at the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). The accused, KC Jagadeesh, allegedly claimed that he was close to senior government officials and could get the assistant professor a KPSC membership. The victim reportedly paid large amounts of money to the accused. Following the fraud, M Ramaiyya, Joint Secretary at the Chief Minister's Secretariat, filed a complaint with the CCB police. The police arrested the accused on Thursday and are trying to trace the other suspects involved and recover the money that the assistant professor paid him.

SORT concludes, focuses on behavioural changes

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THE Indian Pollution Control Association, in collaboration with the Swarnalata Motherson Trust, concluded a waste segregation project in Bengaluru in a mission to strengthen sustainability and responsible waste management practices. The S.O.R.T Project - Phase II (Segregation Of Waste for Recycling and Treatment) was implemented under the CSR initiative of the Motherson Group-Swarn Lata Motherson Trust. The initiative focused on decentralised waste management by promoting segregation of wet waste at source, on-site composting and minimising the volume of waste reaching city dump yards.

While Phase I concluded last year, Phase II strengthened on-ground engagement through behavioural change, communication, and citizen participation. It covered 40 locations, sensitising 2,700 residents, housekeeping staff, students.

Inequality in access to edu high: Thorat

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PROF Sukhadeo Thorat, who has drafted the State Education Policy (SEP), said the latest data of 2017-18 of National Sample Survey (NSS) shows that enrolment rate of lower income groups in higher education is only 13 percent while higher income group enrolment rate is 53 percent. He said the inter-group inequality in access to education is very high.

He was speaking at a people's parliament organised at M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology by All India Save Education Committee to discuss the People's Education Policy in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Thorat said: "The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 does not address the gap in enrollment rates among lower-income level groups. As against the national average of 30 percent or 26 percent, the ST enrollment rate is only 5%, SC is 16%, OBC is 48% and higher caste is close to 40. Inter-social group disparity, inter-personal disparity is based on income and also gender disparity. So this is the status of universal education and access to higher education in India."

Secular edu to be major casualty under NEP

Thorat said secular education is going to be the major casualty under the NEP. "Article 28 of the Constitution says all institutions, supported by the state are not supposed to teach philosophy of one particular religion. Now what NEP is doing is bringing Brahmanical values in the core structure of curriculum", he said.

XPRESS FOCUS SMD INITIATIVE

Building a Future-Ready Goa

Goa has witnessed a historic infrastructure transformation by strengthening connectivity, boosting tourism, unlocking economic growth, and improving everyday life for every Goan. From world-class bridges and highways to iconic cultural and public spaces, these landmark projects are shaping a new, progressive, and resilient Goa. Infrastructure sits at the core of Viksit Goa 2037.

Zuari Bridge Cable - Stayed Bridge

A major road bridge carrying NH-66 across the Zuari River between North & South Goa. 13.635 km Zuari Bridge is a 8 lane access-controlled carriageway. Zuari Bridge is cable-stayed bridge due to its eight-lane, 27-meter-wide dual carriageways. Inspired by Paris's Eiffel Tower, these twin 125-metre-high towers will feature revolving restaurants, art galleries, and panoramic observation decks. Replace ageing infrastructure, meet rising traffic demand between Panaji and Margao, and support statewide economic movement. It connects Margao and Panaji, reducing travel time from 30 minutes; as compared to the 1-hour commute earlier. Built at a cost of Rs. 2,530 crore, Zuari Bridge stands as a testament to Goa Government's effort to make Goa future ready.

Mormugao Port Connectivity Road

Dedicated road linkage between Mormugao Port and national/state highway network. This critical logistics corridor connects Goa's ports with national highways, easing cargo movement and strengthening Goa's role in India's maritime economy. It enhances export efficiency, reduces turnaround time, and fuels industrial growth. Reduces heavy traffic inside Vasco city, improves urban safety. Enhances capacity and efficiency of Goa's largest maritime gateway. Better freight access enabling port competitiveness and regional job growth.

Mandovi Riverfront Promenade, Panaji

Panaji's riverfront promenade is a public waterfront walkway developed along the Mandovi river edge to create a continuous ramp and improve the riverfront's usability, and strengthen as well as protect the shoreline. It has been executed in multiple phases under the Panaji Smart City. Across phases, the promenade is designed around:

- Dedicated walking + cycling tracks (parallel tracks) to encourage non-motorised mobility and recreation.
- Universal-access elements (ramps / barrier-free movement) that make the riverfront usable for seniors, wheelchair users, prams, etc.
- Edge protection works (incl. sea-wall/edge definition in certain stretches) to reduce erosion and stabilise the waterfront.
- Public-space upgrades (parks/amenities/placemaking installations) that convert underused stretches into a vibrant promenade zone.
- Yog Setu is presented as part of the "Tapoloka Yog Kshetra" riverfront experience and is described as the bridge/entry connector.

Atal Setu

Named after Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a 3.2 km cable-stayed bridge across the Mandovi River on NH-66 connecting Panaji and Porvorim, drastically decongest the Mandovi river crossing by adding capacity beyond the older Mandovi bridges. Supports about 66,000 vehicles per day, easing urban traffic. This infrastructure marvel has revolutionised daily commuting, improved emergency access, and provided seamless 24x7 connectivity for lakhs of citizens.

Government is planning Goa's infrastructure for next 50 years.

Chief Minister

Manohar International Airport

The Mopa Airport is constructed at Rs. 3,400 Cr for phase I catering to 7.7 Million PPA. This airport boosts Goa's connectivity, tourism industry and budding logistics industry. Located in North Goa, the airport's development aims to alleviate congestion at the existing Dabolim Airport and cater to the growing influx of tourists and business travellers.

Mopa Airport is extremely efficient in streamlining supply chains and enhancing the movement of goods both domestically and internationally.

Mopa Airport is bolstering Goa's economy by attracting international flights and stimulating tourism and trade.

Manohar International Airport has earned multiple global and national honors, including Skytrax 2025 and NSCI awards, for its exceptional hygiene, safety standards, and sustainable infrastructure.

Lata Mangeskar Kalangan

Situated in Canacona, establishment of this center provides a dedicated platform for Goan artists to showcase their talents, ensuring the continuation and growth of these cultural expressions. Named after the legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, who has Goan roots, the center honors her contributions to Indian music. Additionally, the main auditorium is named after the late Sanjay Bandekar, a former minister, artist and great social worker from Canacona, acknowledging his impact on the local arts scene. Built at a cost of about Rs 60 crore with a seating capacity of 780, the art and culture complex, has been built on an area of 8306 sq. mtrs which consists of main auditorium and all other accessories/ facilities required for the auditorium such as green rooms, cafeteria, rehearsal hall. It serves as a dedicated hub for showcasing Goa's rich heritage, specifically focusing on tribal and folklore arts from the region.

MOPA Link Road (NH-166S)

To provide a direct, high-speed link between the Mopa Airport and major highway, NH-66 (Mumbai-Goa-Kerala highway). Road reduces travel time to Mopa Airport by approximately 15-20 minutes, allowing commuters to reach the Mumbai-Goa-Kanyakumari National Highway (NH-66) in just five minutes from the airport. A standout feature of this project is its design, which includes one road over bridge (ROB) and three viaducts that span over hilly terrain and internal roads. The third viaduct is particularly notable, standing 40 meters tall and stretching approximately 1.6 km in length.The road has been constructed with controlled access, meaning all sides are barricaded to prevent entry by cattle and pedestrians, ensuring uninterrupted and safe travel directly to the airport.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has held the Congress government responsible for the alleged irregularities in Mysuru City Corporation. He referred to the recent suspension of three women officials in the civic body. "With no elected representatives in MCC, there is no effective control over officials. The absence of accountability has led to a rise in irregularities. Congress government is responsible for this," he said

KHARGE EXHORTS THE POOR TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS AGAINST UNION GOVT

'Otherwise freedom would be lost, Constitution would be lost, and all of us would again be forced to live like slaves'

PRAMODKUMR VAIDYA @Hubballi

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and ministers HK Patil and BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan at the balcony of a newly inaugurated housing complex on Mantoor Road in Hubballi on Saturday | D HEMANTH

ALL-India Congress Committee (AICC) president and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, has exhorted the poor and underprivileged, regardless of caste, class, or religion to fight the Narendra Modi government to protect their rights, the Constitution, and freedom.

Addressing a convention held here on Saturday to distribute 42,345 houses to the poor and handover title deeds to 20,275 slum-dwellers across the State, Kharge said that, "If we want to teach a lesson to such a foolish government, everyone must work together. All poor people should unite, set aside caste, clan, and religion, and build the strength to fight for their rights. Only then will we be able to protect the Constitution of this country and our freedom."

Otherwise, he said, freedom would be lost, the Constitution would be lost, and all of us would again be forced to live like slaves. By weakening the MGNREGA, the Union government has been trying to keep workers in a state of slavery.

Stating that the previous UPA governments enacted rights-based laws and that MGNREGS had ensured the Right to Work, the AICC chief charged that Modi and his people have brought laws that take away rights. They want to do everything for two or three rich people, he said.

He said the Congress would not allow implementation of the VB-G RAM G Act. "We will not give up. Just like Modi was forced to withdraw the farm laws, we will ensure that the MGNREGA remains as it is meant to be".

Kharge then cautioned, "In any upcoming election, whether it is small or big, the people must unite against the BJP. If they show that strength, they will survive, the poor will survive, the middle class will survive, and small traders and businesspeople will survive. Otherwise, I firmly believe that a permanent ruler like Hitler, Mussolini, or Saddam Hussein will come to rule our country".

Taking serious objection over the approach of governors towards the states run by non-BJP parties, Kharge alleged that governors say they are acting on instructions from the offices of the Prime Minister and Home Minister. Charging that the governors have been turned into puppets by the Modi government, he said, the former do not even sign bills meant for good work and instead send them back.

Kharge said that the Congress has always believed that the nation comes first. For the BJP it is the RSS first, the BJP first, then the nation and the Constitution.

Hailing the Siddaramaiah government's move to distribute houses to the poor he said, "No one else can do this. Only those who genuinely care about the poor can do such work, like the Congress. If you expect this from the BJP, it will be impossible."

Look at other parts of state too: Kharge to Zameer

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge asked Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan to focus on providing houses to beneficiaries in other parts of Karnataka, too, and not just cities.

"Zameer has suggested that in some places, houses are built on 30x40 plots in villages, while in the cities, space is given more and less in some places. I will tell Zameer to concentrate everywhere... this is our Karnataka. From Belagavi to Kolar, from Bidar to Mysuru, everyone should be provided with housing," he added.

We fulfilled 243 of 592 promises made before 2023 polls, says Siddaramaiah

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @Hubballi

STATING that his government walks the talk, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that his government has already fulfilled 243 of the 592 promises made by the Congress ahead of the 2023 Assembly election, and the rest will be implemented in the remaining half-term of the government.

Addressing a convention in Hubballi after distributing 42,345 houses to beneficiaries and handing over title deeds to 20,275 slum dwellers across Karnataka on Saturday, Siddaramaiah said, "When we were in power earlier (2013-18), we had made 165 promises. We fulfilled 158 of those 165 promises, and additionally, we implemented 30 new programmes."

Strongly rebutting the BJP's allegation that the state has gone bankrupt, the CM stated that even after spending a substantial amount of money on the five guarantees and other development projects, the government does not lack funds. BJP is spreading canards across the state, circulating fake news, and misleading the people, he added. "We have spent Rs 1,16,000 crore on guarantees. If the government had no money, would it have been possible to spend such a huge amount? For irrigation, education, health, PWD, and rural development, we have been spending thousands of crores. That is why our budget size comes to Rs 4,09,000 crore," Siddaramaiah added.

He further stated that the government has been providing Rs 10,800 crore for old-age, widow, and other pensions. "Of this, the Union Government contributes only Rs 500 crore. For farmers' pump sets, we spend about Rs 20,000 crore annually. We have provided housing to 42,345 families by increasing the state government's contribution, increasing it to Rs 4-5 lakh, and releasing Rs 5,500 crore," he added.

When he became CM the first time, his government built 14,58,000 houses, creating history and achieving a housing revolution, he said. "After becoming CM the second time in 2024, the government distributed 36,789 houses in the first phase, and in the second phase, we are distributing over 42,000. We have acted exactly as we promised," he added.

Siddaramaiah promised that work on flood prevention at Banne Halli, with a project cost of approximately Rs 256 crore, will be launched in February at Navalgund.

He challenged Union Minister Pralhad Joshi to get the wildlife clearance for the Mahadayi project from the Centre, saying that his government was prepared to implement the project once the Centre gives clearance.

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>
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister of Karnataka

3 HURT AS CUTOUT FALLS AHEAD OF HOUSE DISTRIBUTION EVENT

While installing a cutout for an event organised for the dedication of 42,345 houses constructed across the state under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 'Shelter for All' through grant-in-aid of CM, and distribution of house allotment letters in Hubballi, a cutout accidentally fell, injuring three people. The injured are being treated at a hospital in Hubballi. The CM visited the injured at the hospital. Expressing regret over the incident, the CM directed the officials to provide the injured with the best possible treatment and medicines free of cost until they recover completely, his office said in a statement. BJP held a protest accusing government of "violating the protocol" and neglecting the opposition leaders from the event.

The venue where three people were allegedly injured after a banner collapsed ahead of the start of a programme in Hubballi on Saturday | EXPRESS

JDS supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda addresses a convention in Hassan

JDS still strong: Gowda in home turf Hassan

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

HITTING out at the State Government for announcing a cash reward of Rs 25 lakh to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that probed sexual assault cases against his grandson and former Hassan Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna, JDS supremo and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda on Saturday alleged that the Congress hatched a conspiracy to finish off his son HD Revanna and his family politically.

Addressing a mammoth rally titled 'Janata Samavesha' in his home turf of Hassan, Gowda recalled that the SIT team had rushed to his daughter Shailaja's Bengaluru residence, where he was resting, to arrest Revanna. "I have only heard of rewards being offered to the team that captured forest brigand Veerappan... but now the government has rewarded those who arrested Revanna," the veteran leader added.

Slamming the Congress, Gowda said that JDS continues to be a political force under the leadership of HD Kumaraswamy. Gowda said that through the convention in Hassan, the JDS has sent a clear message that it is still strong and all its leaders are united. The JDS leader said that his dream is to bring an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to Hassan and to make poor families self-reliant.

He also criticised the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, for saying that the country's economy has deteriorated under the Modi regime.

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> HD Deve Gowda, former PM

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy said that the State Government was looting the people of the state.

"The Congress government has completely failed to address the plight of farmers. I challenge CM Siddaramaiah for a debate on his government's achievements," Kumaraswamy, who is also state JDS president, said.

Kumaraswamy said that Siddaramaiah was using the AHINDA community for political mileage.

JDS youth wing chief Nikhil Kumaraswamy was also present. The Janata Samavesha was attended by dozens of former ministers, sitting MLAs, MLCs, and JDS district presidents.

Govt vs Guv: Was latest showdown avoidable?

THE face-off between the State Government and Raj Bhavan – now renamed Lok Bhavan – is not new. It was observed earlier during Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's current tenure and before that, when the BJP was in power. Such frictions are more apparent in neighbouring Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

In Karnataka, the strained Centre-State relations manifested in a showdown over the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission-(Gramin) Act (VB-G RAM G Act), replacing the former Congress-led UPA government's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) on the opening day of the joint session of the state legislature. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot refused to read the full speech drafted by the government. Instead, he restricted his address to just three sentences before exiting the Assembly Hall. The Governor's action and the developments that followed emphasise the need to evolve a mechanism to ensure the smooth functioning of constitutional posts. The latest development must be viewed in a broader perspective, including a fresh look at the necessity of the governor's mandatory address to the joint session at the beginning of every year. Simultaneously, lawmakers should reflect on allegations of using such occasions for political messaging and the questionable conduct of a few legislators.

On the face of it, it appeared like an avoidable confrontation, with both sides making efforts. A day before the session, the Governor's office expressed reservations over certain references to the VB-G RAM G Act in the draft speech sent by the State Government, asking it to be reworked. Soon after, a government delegation held talks with the Governor. The government claimed that Lok Bhavan asked them to remove 11 paragraphs, especially those with reference to the new Act, from the speech, which they refused.

The State Government is expressing its opposition to the new Act, which it feels is likely to have significant financial implications. However, those privy to the developments say the government could have conveyed its message by avoiding a confrontational tone in the Governor's speech.

Nine out of 122 paragraphs of the speech were about the new Act. Though much of the speech is devoted to the government's work, the cause of concern seems to be with the references, such as "... unconstitutional conduct," "push the national interest towards destruction," and "... facilitates large-scale corruption". It goes on to declare: "By repealing the MGNREGA Act, which was a monumental chapter in rural India's development journey, the rural life of India has been weakened." It is unclear on what basis the State Government came to that conclusion, even before the implementation of the new scheme.

It is common for such sweeping statements to be made in political speeches, but is it appropriate to do so in the Governor's address? Unfortunately, the harsh reality of party politics makes such nuances appear almost irrelevant. Given the strong view taken by the Congress's high command, there is a competing enthusiasm among party leaders to show that they are at the forefront of the fight against the new Act.

As a political party, Congress has every right to take the stand it deems appropriate, and the State Government can oppose what it feels is not in the best interest of its citizens. However, the concern is with mixing party politics with governance and alleged attempts to use the legislative forum to amplify political messaging.

On its part, the Governor's office should have been more accommodating, and not insistent on the State Government removing references to the new Act from the speech. They could have suggested replacing the words or sentences they deemed inappropriate for the Governor to mention about the Act, which has already been assented to by the President of India.

Congress legislators have accused the Governor of violating Articles 163 and 176 of the Indian Constitution. Some even raised slogans like "Governor, go back!" in the Council. The charges against the Governor have been outright rejected by the opposition BJP lawmakers, who defended his action of reading the first two sentences and the last sentence of the speech prepared by the government.

In the ensuing chaos in the assembly, marshals and security personnel had to strenuously make way for the Governor. Some Congress legislators allegedly rushed and tried to stop him while he was exiting the hall after his brief address. All eyes are on the action to be taken by the Presiding Officers of the Assembly and Council, who are responsible for ensuring decorum.

Law Minister HK Patil was right in stating on the floor of the House that they do not draft speeches to please the Governor, and there were no personal allegations in the address. However, in doing so, shouldn't the government exercise caution with its tone and tenor?

In hindsight, both sides could have been a little more forthcoming to avoid the showdown, while maintaining their respective stands. The after-effects were felt in heated exchanges during proceedings in the Assembly and Council during the first two days of the session. It has also set the tone for the remaining five days of the session next week, when they are likely to discuss the VB-G RAM G Act. Both sides are eager to go that extra mile to make their point as the political stakes remain high.

EXPRESS READ

'Save Kabini' to launch indefinite protest

MYSURU: Member of the 'Save Kabini' organisation and advocate V Ravikumar said the group will launch an indefinite protest in front of the regional commissioner's office from February 25 if illegal activities in the Kabini backwaters and the eco-sensitive zones of the Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves are not halted **ENS**

Cong workers, backing Byrathi, stick posters at MLA Suresh Kumar's house

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A group of Congress workers protested by sticking posters on the compound wall of the residence of senior BJP legislator and former minister S Suresh Kumar at Rajajinagar on Saturday. The Basaveshwaranagar police arrested four persons in connection with the incident.

The protesters alleged that Suresh Kumar had made derogatory remarks against Urban Development and Town Planning Minister Byrathi Suresh in the Assembly on Friday. Demanding his apology in public, they allegedly trespassed into the MLA's residence in Sharada Colony near Kamakshipalya. They raised slogans against him and pasted posters terming him an "uncultured legislator". The police said the arrests were made based on a complaint filed by Puneeth, the MLA's car driver. The accused -- Shankar, Manju, Naveen and Sai, all residents of Basaveshwaranagar -- were later released on station bail.

Byrathi Suresh

Suresh Kumar

The incident follows a controversy during the ongoing Assembly session, in which Suresh Kumar allegedly made the offensive remark against Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh while referring to the Governor's address. Suresh Kumar later expressed regret over the remark in the House and apologised.

"It is a closed chapter as it was slang that I used which too was expunged," Suresh Kumar clarified while speaking to TNIE.

Byrathi Suresh and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge had taken strong exception to Suresh Kumar's statement, while Chief Minister Siddaramaiah intervened and suggested that the statement be expunged.

Assembly Speaker UT Khader then instructed the House officials to remove the statement from the records.

A 22-year-old bike rider and his pillion rider died in a road accident in Channapatna traffic police limits in Bengaluru South district. They were heading to Bekuppe Circle from Kanakapura when a goods auto hits them. The deceased are Sharath Kumar, 22, a resident of Prashanth Nagar in Kanakapura Town and Praveen (16) from Chikkabettahalli in Kanakapura taluk

SECURITY AT JAIL

GOVT BANS OUTSIDE FOOD FOR PRISONERS

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TO strengthen prison security and streamline administration, the Karnataka Prisons and Correctional Services Department for the first time has framed detailed regulations governing the supply of food, clothing and bedding to civil prisoners and unconvicted criminal (undertrial) prisoners from private sources. The new rules came into force with immediate effect.

Director General of Police (Prisons) Alok Kumar, said on X, that the regulations are issued under Section 30 of the Karnataka Prisons Act, 1963, and the decision has been taken considering concerns related to prison safety, security, staff shortage, overcrowding, administrative feasibility and health issues. All prisoners are being provided adequate food, clothing and bedding by the department in accordance with existing laws and prison manuals.

While cooked food from private sources is barred, a limited quantity of uncooked and packaged food items are permitted during admission or interviews, subject to strict inspection. These include fresh fruits under 2kg per person per week, dry fruits, bakery and confectionery items up to half a kg are allowed. No other food items will be permitted. Only two pairs of outer cloths and two pairs of inner garments, in addition to the clothes worn at the time of admission. The regulations apply uniformly to all prisons across Karnataka and cover only civil prisoners and undertrial prisoners.

MANGOES ARE HERE

A vendor gives out a sample of a mango to a potential customer near Jayamahal Road in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Ayurveda doc, right wing activist attempts suicide near Soudha

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A 38-year-old ayurvedic doctor allegedly attempted suicide by consuming poison in front of Vidhana Soudha on Saturday. He accused the police of harassing him for identifying alleged "illegal Bangladeshi" residents in the city and filing complaints against them.

The man -- Nagendra Shiru, a resident of Begur and a right-wing activist -- was shifted to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, where doctors said he is out of danger.

The incident occurred around 11.15 am and Nagendra tried to consume pesticide. The police and public rescued him. It is alleged that Nagendra had consumed a small quantity of pesticide before reaching Vidhana Soudha and also informed the media.

A case had been registered against Nagendra earlier at the Soladevanahalli police station. Learning about the case and the possibility of his arrest, he had allegedly gone into hiding. After the news of Nagendra's suicide attempt was telecast on TV, the Soladevanahalli sub-inspector filed a complaint at the Vidhana Soudha police station, under Section 226 (attempt to commit suicide to compel or restrain public servants from discharging their lawful duties) of BNS.

The incident drew a sharp reaction from the opposition BJP, which accused the Congress government of harassing Nagendra for exposing alleged illegal Bangladeshis.

HC stays investigation against man for driving noisy Lamborghini

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THE Karnataka High Court stayed probe into a suo motu criminal case registered by the Kengeri traffic police against a man for driving a Lamborghini car that was roaring beyond the permitted decibel levels. The accused, Chiranth BR, was driving his father's car.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on January 23, questioning the legality of the crime registered for offences under Section 281 of the BNS, 2023 and Sections 120 and 177 of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

They slapped a fine on Chiranth which he paid. He is said to have driven the car in a reckless manner on December 14 and 19, 2025, which was videographed and circulated on social media. The petitioner stated that despite the fine being paid for the said offences, the crime was registered on the score that he had not changed the retrofitted silencer.

Chiranth's counsel submitted that the car was part of a group of Lamborghinis being driven from Mysuru to Bengaluru as part of an expedition organised by the showroom in Bengaluru. The petitioner had paid Rs 8,500 for the noise before the FIR was registered one-and-a-half months later. The retrofitted silencer has also been changed.

His counsel argued that the petitioner had no scope for driving fast on the busy road. If this is considered fast driving then all vehicles in the state have to be booked.

The court said that with the fine taken, it deems it appropriate to stall further investigation against the petitioner till the next date. The court stated that the petitioner will have to do community service as per BNS.

EXPRESS READ

Mother, son killed as goods van rams two-wheeler

Bengaluru: A mother and her son died on the spot after a speeding mini goods vehicle rammed their two-wheeler near Gundenahalli Gate in Nelamangala taluk, in Thyamagondu police station limits, Bengaluru Rural district, on Saturday. The deceased were identified as Shailaja (45) and her son Prajwal (26). The duo were returning home after purchasing groceries when the mini goods vehicle rammed their scooter from behind. They died on spot due to severe injuries. A case has been registered at Thyamagondu police station, and the vehicle has been seized. **ENS**

Traffic advisory issued for jatras

Bengaluru: Bengaluru police have issued a traffic advisory ahead of Sri Channarayaswamy Jatra Rathotsava, Deepotsava, Karaga and Pallakki programme from Sunday till Tuesday in the Varthur area in the Whitefield traffic police station limits. The alternative routes for light vehicles are, vehicles from Gunjur towards Whitefield can take a right turn Near Sri Ram Temple - Gunjur and proceed towards Whitefield from Halasahalli Road via Maduranagar, Sorahunase, Valepura, and Varthur Government College Road, vehicles from Whitefield towards Gunjur can ply from Immadihalli, Valepura Sorahuanse road via Maduranagar towards Gunjur and Varthur Police station, Light vehicles towards Kundalahalli and Marathahalli from Gunjur side can ply through Gunjur KFC Road, Panathur Railway Bridge, and VIBGYOR School Road. Heavy vehicles from Hoskote via Hopefarm Junction towards Varthur have to proceed towards Sarjapur via the Channasandra route and move towards Sarjapur via Varthur Kodi, Hopefarm and Channasandra route, Vehicles from Sarjapur can ply via Chikka Tirupathi, Dommasandra, Kodati, Bellandur route. Meanwhile, buses from Gunjur BMTC Depot -41 towards Gunjur Varthur can ply via Hosahalli, Maduranagar, Varthur and Nerige Road. **ENS**

Repco Home Finance Limited
ARB-BANGALORE BRANCH : No.109, First Floor, A-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr.K.R.Yuvaraj Kumar,** S/o.Mr.Rangashetty, **Co-Borrower: Mrs.H.R.Roopa,** W/o.Mr.K.R.Yuvaraj Kumar & **Guarantor: Mrs.R.Shwetha,** D/o.Mr.J.Ramanu, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, Basaveshwara Nagar **(Now ARB Bangalore)** against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **18.05.2018** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **vide Old Loan Account No.1861890001094 & New A/c No.2581890000356** being ₹ **26,74,190/- as on 17.05.2018** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the Borrower, Co-Borrower & Guarantor having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken Possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **03.12.2018** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in "As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition" under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being **vide Old Loan Account No.1861890001094 & New A/c No.2581890000356 being** ₹ **83,25,824/- as on 14.01.2026**

Date / Time of E - Auction: 13.02.2026, 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)

Last Date & time for submitting E-Tenders: 12.02.2026, 04.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No.3, formed in property assessment No.111/5, situated at **Nelagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** presently comes under the limits of BBMP bearing Khata No.166 measuring East to West 50 Feet, North to South 25 Feet totally measuring **1250 Sq.ft.,** and Bounded on:- East by: Remaining property of E- Schedule, West by: Road, North by: Kushal Kumar's property, South by: Remaining Property of Hanumanthaiah.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ **51,00,000/-** **EMD** (10% of Reserve Price) ₹ **5,10,000/-** **Minimum Bid Increment Amount** ₹ **75,000/-**

For E-Auction procedure, please contact **M/s.C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Mr.Prabakaran-74182-81709**

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, **Repco Home Finance Limited, Basaveshwara Nagar (Now at ARB Bangalore)** , on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. Contact Nos. **080-41233109 & 98868-78838**

Date: 19.01.2026 **Authorised Officer, Repco Home Finance Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to the Notice of General Public that, my client namely Mr. Suresh Gangadhar Shringeri S/o Gangadhar Rudrappa Shringeri, presently R/at No.44/A, 2nd Floor, 19th D Main Road, Near Adithya Vision Care, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property. The Owners/Vendors namely Smt. K.S.Seethalakshmi and her Children namely Mr. Yashas S.K. and Tejas S.K of the Schedule Property represented to my client that they are the absolute owner, title holder in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property having acquired the same through registered sale deed. The Schedule mentioned Property is self acquired property to K.S Seethalakshmi and ancestral property of Mr. Yashas S.K. and Tejas S.K and thereby except them no other person/s is/are holding any right, title, interest over the Schedule Property.

It is the public notice issued to the General Public, if anybody have any sort of right, title and interest or any type of charge over the Schedule Property or objections if any with regard to title or right, shall inform and file their written submission along with cogent documents if any, within a period of **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall proceed further with the sale transaction as a bonafide purchaser of Schedule Property with the vendor stated above.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable property being a Southern Portion of Site No.47/1, Corporation No.47, Katha No.47/1, BBMP New EPID No.2247043328, Situated at 5th 'C' Main, 10th 'C' Cross, Nagapura, Mahalakshmi Puram, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560086, measuring East to West 40-0 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet totally admeasuring 1200 Square Feet, together with RCC roofed residential house consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor in all measuring 1900 Square feet with doors and windows are made of teak wood with Normal flooring along with all civic amenities and bounded on :

East by	Road,
West by	Site No.45 and 46,
North by	The remaining north Side part of the Site No.47,
South by	Site No.53.

THYAGARAJA.S. Advocate No.409, 20th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010. Mobile: 9880460493. thyagarajasadv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. Kishore Chandra Shankaraiah Gowda, S/o. Late J.M. Shankaraiah, Sri. Deepak Shankaraiah Gowda, S/o. Late J.M. Shankaraiah and Smt. Pushpa Rekha,** daughter-in-law of Late **J.M. Shankaraiah,** who are the joint and absolute owners in possession of the same. Whereas, the present public notice has been issued calling upon the general public that, if any person/s have any right in respect of the Schedule Property then, they shall notify us within 'Ten' days in writing from the date of publication of this notice, with respect to their right, title and interest over the same, along with documents. Further, any claim which is not received within 'Ten' days then, it is presumed that, no such claim is there over the Schedule Property, and such post claims will not be entertained or honoured.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 1036, measuring East to West 85ft, North to South 45ft, admeasuring 3825 sq.ft., including construction standing thereon, situated at Dr. Rajkumar Road (80ft Road), 4th Block, Rajajinagar Bengaluru – 560 010, which is bounded on;

EAST BY :Road;
WEST BY :Conservancy Lane;
NORTH BY : Site No. 1035; and
SOUTH BY : Site No. 1037;

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For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

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NO: DUD:ACADEMIC:21/2025-26/4104(A) DATE:30.12.2025

NOTIFICATION

Sub: 13TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY - REGARDING.

Ref: 1) Approval of the Hon'ble Governor and the Chancellor vide Letter No:GS 06 DUM 2025, Dated:23.12.2025
2) Approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dated:30.12.2025

Pursuant to the approval of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and the Chancellor of Davangere University, the 13th Annual Convocation of this University will be held on 30th JANUARY 2026 between 12.00 noon and 01:30 pm at Jnanasoudha Premises, Shivagangothri Campus, Davangere University.

Shri Thaavarchand Gehlot, the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and the Chancellor of the University will Chair on this Occasion.

Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka and the Pro-Chancellor of the University will grace the Occasion.

Padma Vibhushana **Dr. Vasudev K. Aatre,** Former Director-General, DRDO, Former Secretary of Defence R & D, Former Scientific Advisor to the Hon'ble Defence Minister, Government of India - presently - the Hon'ble Chairperson, National Institute of Technology, Goa and IIEST Shibpur, Howra, West Bengal - will be the chief guest and will deliver the Convocation Address.

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Dated : 25.01.2026

Expression of Interests (EoI) are invited from reputed and experienced agencies for the following works :

SN	Expression of Interest
1	EoI No. GMRC/PD/EOI - Co-branding and Advertisement Rights-EW/2026 Expression of Interest for Co-branding and Advertisement Rights at 17 Stations of East West Corridor - Ahmedabad Metro Rail Phase-1
2	EoI No. GMRC/PD/EOI - Co-branding and Advertisement Rights-NS/2026 Expression of Interest for Co-branding and Advertisement Rights at 11 Stations of North South Corridor - Ahmedabad Metro Rail Phase-1

Interested bidders are requested to visit **https://tender.nprocure.com** for eligibility criteria, applying / downloading the EOI document. **The last date and time for Bid Submissions of Tender is 15:00 Hrs on 16.02.2026.**

Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria and terms of the EoI, or any amendment to the EoI, etc, will be uploaded on **https://tender.nprocure.com** and GMRC's Website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

Director- P&P
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APPENDIX-IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **10.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 73,83,016/-** (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand and Sixteen Only) as on **21.01.2026** and further interest at contractual rate from 22.01.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges, legal expenses due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **Mrs. Preethi,** D/o. Rathnavelu & **Mr.Yoganand.R,** S/o. Rathnavelu. The reserve price, earnest money, deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.44,10,000/-	Rs.4,41,000/-	Rs.25,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.on 10.02.2026	On or before 09.02.2026 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Title deed holders: Mrs. Preethi & Mr.Yoganand.R.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.No.53/1 (vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN.(S.B)(B.H)S.R:93/13-14 dated 13.03.2014 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 0-30 ½ Gunats, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), having Khatha No.25, BBMP Ward No.191 and bounded as follows: East by: Central Prison Property, West by: A Portion of land in Sy.No.53/1, North by: Remaining portion of land in same Sy.No.53/1 measuring 0-14 ½ (Fourteen and Half) Guntas retained by L.Mahesh and South by: Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.310 in Third Floor with 3 BHK having super built up area of 1370 Sq.feet with an undivided 376 Sq.feet of share, right, title and interest in the land/ Schedule 'A' Property and One Car parking for flat 310 in the stilt/basement floor being the part of the apartment building known as "BLUE BELLS" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete Block Masonry, Main Door Teak frame and Steam breach Veneered flush shutter and room doors Sal wood with water proof flush shutters, Powder coated aluminium windows with glass and safety grills, Ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows: East by: Corridor & Flat No.303 & 304, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Flat No.309 and South by: Flat No.311.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e..,www.sbi.co.in and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, https://baanknet.com

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Date: 22.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

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Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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The state government has ordered that SSLC toppers across Karnataka be given a cash prize instead of laptops. Rs 3.25 crore has been earmarked for the prize money, to be awarded to top three SSLC rank holders in each district. Each student will be paid Rs 50,000n and the amount will be deposited into their bank account, which has to be linked to the student's Aadhaar card

ED sleuths expose ₹20 cr scam by BMS Edu Trust

Excise official gets 3-yr jail, ₹1.34 crore fine for graft

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Zonal Office of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday provisionally attached a residential plot and two flats with a market value of Rs 19.46 crore, belonging to the trustees of BMS Educational Trust, in connection with bribery associated with allocating seats at engineering colleges.

The Central agency initiated the investigation based on FIRs registered at the Malleswaram and Hanumanthanagar police stations regarding alleged irregularities in admissions to engineering courses through the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA). According to the ED, search operations conducted on June 25 and 26, 2025, revealed that unaccounted amounts of cash was being collected for admissions to engineering courses in colleges controlled by the BMS Educational Trust.

The investigation also revealed that engineering seats in colleges run by the trust were sold by the college management through middlemen and agents. The cash was allegedly collected directly from students and through agents acting as educational consultants. The seized pieces of evidence also indicated the collection of unaccounted cash amounting to Rs 20.2 crore from the sale of seats in engineering colleges controlled by the trust.

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

IN a decade-old rare case of disproportionate assets (DA), in which the court's assessment found that the assets involved exceeded what was calculated by the investigating officer (IO), the Special Court for Lokayukta Cases sentenced on January 23 former joint commissioner of excise S Srinivasamurthy to three years of simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs 1.34 crore.

Judge Prakash Nayak said Srinivasamurthy possessed Rs 1.34 crore worth of DA, instead of Rs 1.22 crore calculated by the IO of Karnataka Lokayukta.

Srinivasamurthy joined the excise department as a stenographer in 1978 and retired as joint commissioner in 2017. The Lokayukta police registered the case against Srinivasamurthy in 2014 for allegedly possessing assets disproportionate to his known source of income during the period between 1978 and 2014.

Judge Nayak said that according to the calculation made by the court based on the evidence on record, the assets plus expenditure of the accused and his family members during the period under investigation is Rs 3.59 crore, whereas the income of the accused and his family members during the same period is Rs 2.25 crore, and hence, the DA is Rs 1.34 crore.

The special court further stated that the prosecution, beyond reasonable doubt, succeeded in proving the fact that the accused possessed property or resources which are disproportionate to the known sources of income and failed to satisfactorily account for it.

"Hence, on overall analysis of evidence on record, this court holds that during the check period the accused was found in possession of property worth Rs. 1.34 crore disproportionate to his known source of income. Hence, the court holds that the accused has committed an offence defined under Section 13 (1) (e) punishable under Section 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act," said the ruling.

EXPRESS READ

Karandlaje distributes appointment letters at 18th Rozgar Mela

Bengaluru: Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Shobha Karandlaje participated on Saturday handed over appointment letters to 267 newly selected Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel at the 18th Rozgar Mela organised at the Subsidiary Training Centre of the Border Security Force (BSF) in the state capital. The event reaffirmed the Union Government's commitment to youth empowerment and large-scale employment generation. Addressing the gathering, the minister highlighted the significance of the Rozgar Mela in providing government employment to young aspirants and strengthening public institutions across the country. ENS

8 held over fire on Reddy's property

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

THE Ballari police on Saturday arrested eight persons, including a few juveniles, in connection with the fire incident on a property owned by BJP MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy and former minister B Sriramulu at G Square Layout in the town during a protest staged against the Congress MLA on Friday night.

Ballari Range Inspector General (IG) of Police PS Harsha said the case had been cracked and eight accused persons have been arrested. "Some of those arrested appear to be minors.

Ballari SP Suman Pennekar visits the house which was allegedly set on fire

We are verifying their age-related documents. Further details will be shared after the interrogation is completed," he said.

Police registered the case based on a complaint lodged by site engineer Rizwan, in which he alleged that around 10 miscreants allegedly set fire to a house, causing damage to the furniture and equipment worth approximately Rs 1.25 crore.

Reddy said, "The house was not unguarded. Two security guards kept watch on the property round the clock. Some police personnel are allegedly pressuring the arrested persons not to take names. Based on the video footage recorded by our security guards, the whole incident appears to be pre-planned."

Untested honey poses health risk, say experts

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ABHISHEK Mandal, Scientist, Regional Honey Testing Lab, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bengaluru, told The New Sunday Express, "This (testing) is important as farmers spray honeycombs with pesticides to keep them safe from diseases. Once honey is brought under the scope of National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) certification, it is also tested for pesticide residues and the prescribed 17 Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) honey quality parameters to ensure better honey quality."

Another senior scientist at the ICAR- IIHR honey testing centre said, "While the demand for honey is rising, analysis shows that most samples of honey are not suited for consumption. There is a lot of potential in southern India, but the number of samples tested is less." This means a large section of consumers in southern states are vulnerable to the adverse health impacts of consuming synthetic, pesticides-ridden or adulterated honey.

Experts pointed out that untested honey can put one's health at risk. Raw and untested honey can contain natural toxins, like grayanotoxin – nicknamed "rhodotoxin" – which is a group of potent neurotoxins found in plants, which can disrupt sodium channels in the body and cause low blood pressure, slow heart rate, dizziness and confusion. This toxin causes poisoning, leading to a range of effects from mild incapacitation to severe cardiac issues, including heart block, which could be fatal. Unlike processed honey, raw honey can also contain pollen grains, which can be allergic to some consumers.

Experts confirmed that honey production from Large Area Multipurpose Societies (LAMPS) has gone up, particularly in South India, but the quality needs to be verified. An official from a LAMP Society in Karnataka said, "Since honey is procured by locals, mostly tribals, most samples are not tested, as testing is costly and time-consuming and these people need quick money."

Dr Prabhat Kumar, Horticulture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, said enforcement to ensure good quality honey has increased, but awareness among people too needs to go up. Major brands and certified companies send samples for testing as they cannot risk their reputation. But that is not the case with other samples available in the market. At present, as per the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) norms, testing for pesticide residue and other synthesisers is done once a fortnight from select samples.

Officials in the ministry of horticulture said that while Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab lead in honey production, southern states too are catching up, but testing needs to increase for the safety of consumers. As per the National Bee Board, 14,859 beekeepers, 269 beekeeping and honey societies, 150 firms and 206 companies are registered on the Madhukranti portal as of October 2025. Of these, 658 are registered beekeepers from Karnataka with 10,813 bee colonies. In 2024, India produced 1.4 lakh metric tonne of honey which increased to 1.5 lakh metric tonne in the year 2025.

FOOD SAFETY AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Office of the Principal Scientific Officer, Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, KIADB Industrial Area, 2nd Stage, Rayapur, Hubballi-580009.

No.: FDA/RDTL/e-Tender/TIA/PP-01/2025-26 Date: 22.01.2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Chairman, Tender Inviting Authority, Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Hubballi, has invited tenders as follows.

Sl. No.	Tender Details
1	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Water Purification Systems-06 Nos to Drugs Testing Laboratory, Food Safety and Drug Administration, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001. Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0023
2	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Water Purification Systems-04 Nos to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Raghavendra Colony, Ballari - 583101. Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0024
3	Providing Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for HPLC Systems-10 Nos to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Hubballi. Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0025

1) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **02.02.2026 upto 5:00 PM. 2)** The last date and time for receipt of tenders through kpp-portal is **07.02.2026 upto 5.00 PM. 3)** Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **10.02.2026 at 11:30 AM**. **4)** Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **16.02.2026 at 11:30 AM**. Detailed Tender Notifications can be obtained from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from the office of the Chief Scientific Officer, Drugs Testing Laboratory, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

Sd/- The Chairman,
Tender Inviting Authority,
Principal Scientific Officer (I/C)

DIPR/CP/JA/5183/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/T&P/SE-1/2025-26/9143-56 Date : 23.01.2026

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following enquiry numbers on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

Enquiry number/ Name of the Work
KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3245
Combined package: **Work-A:** Establishing 2x31.5MVA **66/11kV GIS** sub-station at **Dr. Shivaramkaranth Layout** in Rachenahalli village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District alongwith laying of (2.904+1.985)km 66kV 1000sqmm SC UG cable & Construction of 1no. 66kV TB. **Work-B:** Establishing 2x31.5MVA **66/11kV** sub-station at **Karnataka telecom layout** in Anekal Taluk, Bengalore Urban District alongwith laying of 5.985km 66kV 1000sqmm LILO UG cable

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after **29.01.2026 @ 15:00hrs**. Last date & time for receipt of Bids **19.02.2026 @ 15:00hrs**. **Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal**. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Electy.), Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, 9th Floor, Indhana Bhavana, A.R Circle Bengaluru - 560 009,

WESTERN RAILWAY
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/05/2026 Date 23.01.2026

S.N.	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	T.O.D.
40	Dynamic Wheel Balancing Machine along with Accessories and CAMC	2 Nos 1 Set	26-Feb-26
41	Set of PU Lining	4800 Set	25-Feb-26
42	Running Contract for one year for supply of 6 mm thick Nylon Cord GRSP for 1 in 8.5, 60kg Turn - out to RDSO DRG. No. T: 4865	1466 Set	24-Feb-26
43	Overhauling Kit	854 Set	24-Feb-26
44	Tapered Stationary Plate	2592 Nos	23-Feb-26
45	Traction Motor Complete With Pinion	2 Nos	23-Feb-26
46	Roof Earthing Switch (HOM)	95 Nos	23-Feb-26
47	Running Contract for one year for supply of HVN-66 insulating Cut liner as per RDSO Drawing No. T-10232 & T-10235	598700 Nos	23-Feb-26
48	Rate Contract for supply of spares of Loram make RGM machine working on various divisions of Western Railway for period of one year i.e. 2026-27	1 Set	20-Feb-26
49	Running Contract of one year for supply of HVN cut liners for glued joints) use with ERC J-type on wider base sleepers with 60kg rails to RDSO, DRG. No. T-10228 & 10225	432000 Nos	20-Feb-26
50	Movable Plate for MK-50	2592 Nos	18-Feb-26

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in** 1051

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION BRANCH OPEN TENDER

Invitation of E-tender on behalf of the president of India acting through Sr. Divisional Engineer Signal & Telecom (Co-Ordination), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for the following works:-, **NIT No. -** JBP-N-SIG-TENDER-2026-6, **Name of work with location-** S&T work in connections with construction of LHS/ROB-4,16,20,52, & 62 of Jabalpur division on west Central Railway (Signalling & Telecom Work)., **Approx cost of the work-** Rs. 23548518.28/-, **Cost of tender form(In Rs.)-** Rs. 00/-, **Address of the office of railway-** DRM (S&T)'s office, 1st, Floor, DRM Building, Jabalpur, **Earnest money (In Rs.)-** Rs. 267800/-, **Completion period (In months)-** 11 months, **Date & Time for closing & opening of tender-** Closing on 15:00 Hrs on 16/02/2026 & opening after 15:00 hours, The complete information of the above e-tender is available on website "http://ireps.gov.in" and also placed on notice board of the Divisional Railway Manager (S&T) office, West Central Railway, Jabalpur. Tender other than in the form of e-bids shall not be accepted against above tender.

Sd./-
Div. Railway Manager (S&T)
West Central Railway, Jabalpur

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The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.51,00,000/-	Rs.5,10,000/-	Rs.25,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 16.00 p.m.on 10.02.2026	On or before 09.02.2026 up to 16.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Title deed holders: Sri. Umakant Singh & Smt.Ramita Singh
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residentially Converted Land bearing Sy.No. 40/1, measuring 10.08 Guntas, as per conversion sketch (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 20/12/2012, bearing No. ALN(NAY)SR 80/2012-13, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Srirampura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, earlier Bangalore North Taluk, presently Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring an extent of 10.4 Guntas. **East by:**Sy.No. 40/6, **West by:** Remaining portion in Sy.No. 40/1, **North by:** Remaining portion in Sy.No. 40/1, **South by:** Remaining portion in Sy.No. 40/1.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 460 Sq. feet undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : Flat Bearing **No. 302,** in **Third Floor,** measuring **1150 Sq.feet** Super Built Up Area, containing **Two Bed Rooms,** with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, together with **One Covered Car Parking Space,** including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase and lifts, in the proposed multistoried residential building constructed over Schedule 'A' Property known as **"ATZ ROCKVIEW PHASE- 2".**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e..,www.sbi.co.in and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltdhttps://baanknet.com.
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Date: 22.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru
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Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

UNICO HOUSING FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED
Registered Office: The Oval, 8th Floor, No.10 and 12, Venkata Narayana Road, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT OF 2002

Whereas, Unico Housing Finance Private Limited through its Head office Chennai, Notice Issued to the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors defaulted in the repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates for the credit facilities obtained by them and the account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Unico Housing Finance Private Limited under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling up on the following borrowers / co-borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned as un-claimed and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower Address: 1. Mr.Velu (Borrower) and 2. Mrs.Philomeena V (Co-Borrower / Guarantor), Both Residential Address: No.55, Shivaji Lane, Shambhu Palyam, Chamarajpet, Banglore North, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 002, **Property Address:** Flat No.601, 6th Floor, A Block RGHCL Chikelur, Rampura Apartment, Sy No.01, Chekkelur Rampura, Tavarekere, Hobli, Bangalore 560074. **NPA Date: 08-01-2026, Loan Account No: 831027586801, Date of Demand Notice: 08-01-2026 & Outstanding Amount : Rs. 7,82,966.74/- as on 08-01-2026.**

Description of the Secured Asset : Flat No.601, A/1 Block, 6th loor, RDPR No. 150200300702520313, Carpet area measuring 322.92 sq.ft., comprised Survey No 01, Chikkelur Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk 560074 and the land bounded on the:- East by: Vacant Land, West by: Residential Building, North by: Road, South by: Vacant land.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers / co-borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors (wherever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 08.01.2026
Place: Chennai
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
(Unico Housing Finance Private Limited)

Government of Karnataka
Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority
Near Ambedkar Circle, Hampi Road, Kamalapur IB, Kamalapura - 583221, Hosapete (Tq),
Email:hwhama@gmail.com Tel Ph: 08394-241661

No:HWHAMA/K/IMP-EOI/2025-26 Date:21-01-2026

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the provisions of the **Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority, Kamalapur invites Expression of Interest (EOI)** from eligible **Conservation Architects to engage One-Consultant on a purely contractual basis.**
The Consultants shall assist the Authority in **preparation and revision of Heritage Bye-laws** and related conservation planning documents for monuments and archaeological sites within the **Hampi World Heritage Area.**
The engagement shall be for an **initial period of one year,** extendable on a **year-to-year** basis, subject to the requirement of the Authority and satisfactory performance.
Applicants shall submit details of **qualifications, relevant experience and domain expertise,** along with **proof of work experience and sample work** (hard copy and CD/DVD).
Interested candidates shall submit their application **within 15 days from the date of publication** of this notice. The **Terms of Reference** are available on the **official website of HWHAMA.**
Applications may be submitted **by email and in hard copy (By Post/By Hand)** to: **The Commissioner, Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority Kamalapur, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka.** Applications received after the due date shall not be considered.
HWHAMA reserves the **right to accept or reject any or all applications** as per the **HWHAMA Act & Rules. Shortlisted candidates only** will be called for interview. **No TA/DA** shall be paid.

Sd/-
Commissioner
Hampi Wolrd Heritage Area Management Autobrity
Kamalapur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that our clients, **Mr.Idrish Moiz Nagri and Mr. Firoz Moiz Nagri,** are intending to purchase the Schedule "A" Property from Mr. G. Nagasanthosh, S/o. Mr. Govindharajan and the Schedule "B" Property from Mr. S.M. Jayapal Reddy S/o. Late S.N. Munireddy, who assert that they are the sole & absolute owners in peaceful possession & enjoyment of their respective properties and who represent that the said properties are free from any claim, litigation or dispute. The description of the properties is given below:

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing old Sy.No. 73/1, new Sy. No. 73/6, measuring 1 Acre 12.12 Guntas and 1Gunta of Kharab, situated at Halehalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and property being bounded on the: **East by:** Road (NH 844), **West by:** Village Road to Medahalli and Rajakaluve, **North by:** Land of Mr. H.M. Veeranna (Sy. No. 74), **South by:** Land of Mr. S.M. Jayapal Reddy (Sy. No. 73/5)

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing old Sy.No. 73/1, new Sy. No. 73/5, measuring 1 Acre 12.12 Guntas and 1Gunta of Kharab out of the total extent of 1 Acre 15.12 Guntas and 1 Gunta of Kharab, situated at Halehalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, together with a temporary shed measuring 6,000 Sq. Ft. and a RCC building measuring 5,000 Sq.Ft. and property being bounded on the: **East by:** Road (NH 844), **West by:** Village Road To Medahalli and Rajakaluve and remaining portion of 3 Guntas in Sy. No. 73/5, **North by:** Land of Mr. G. Nagasanthosh (Sy. No. 73/6), **South by:** Land of Ms. Bhagyamma (Sy. No. 72),

All person/s claiming an interest or right in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office **within 15 days** from the date hereof along with all documentary proof on which such claim is based, failing which, the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim & the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

Suraj Sampath, Advocate,
M/s. B.K. Sampath Kumar & Associates,
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In an order that has gone viral and drawn sharp reactions, the Koraput district collector in Odisha has issued a directive prohibiting sale of non-vegetarian items across the district on the Republic Day. This is the first time that such restrictions have been imposed in the state

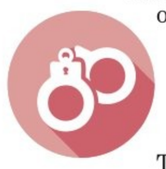
Constable held for sexually harassing PU student

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A police constable was arrested by the Upparpete police for allegedly sexually harassing a first-year PU student at Freedom Park recently.

The accused, Yamuna Naik, is a constable at RT Nagar Police Station. Yamuna Naik was deployed on duty at Freedom Park, during which he allegedly sexually harassed the PU student. Following the incident, the student filed a complaint at the Upparpete Police Station.

In another case, the Madiwala police have arrested four men for allegedly harassing a woman and assaulting her fiancé while under the influence of alcohol.



The incident occurred near Maruti Nagar around 1 am on January 19. The accused are Mohith, Vijaykumar, Tejaswi, and David, all aged between 25 and 35.

The accused were partying at a house in Maruti Nagar, and two of them stepped out to buy cigarettes. While returning, they allegedly passed a vulgar comment at a woman. When the woman's fiancé questioned them about their behaviour, the accused called two of their friends from the house and assaulted him. When the woman tried to intervene, the accused allegedly touched her inappropriately. The police registered a case under Sections 79 and 115 (petty organised crime) of the BNS, and arrested the four accused.

TN Chief Minister MK Stalin speaks in the Assembly in Chennai on Saturday | EXPRESS

Stalin in House: Don't lecture TN on patriotism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

MAKING a thinly veiled attack on the BJP and taking a dim view of the Governor not reading out the speech at the commencement of the Assembly session, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday said on behalf of the members of the House that "no one needs to give us a lesson on patriotism" and respect for the national anthem as "we are not inferior to anyone in national unity and love for the country".

The CM was replying to the motion of thanks to the governor's address in the Assembly. "On behalf of the members of this House, I wish to firmly convey to Governor RN Ravi that we are second to none in national unity and patriotism," the CM said, launching into a diatribe against the governor, who has been repeatedly accusing the House of not playing the national anthem at the start of the Assembly session.

Responding to the Governor's continued grouse that the national anthem is not sung at the beginning of the session and that being one of the reasons for refusing to read out the customary address, the CM said that the Thamizh Thaai Vaazhthu (Mother Tamil invocation) and national anthem are rendered at the beginning and end of the session, respectively, following the tradition of the House.

Alluding to the saffron party, the CM said, "They have no moral authority to give lessons on these subjects since they did not struggle for the nation. Those who seek to undermine the dignity of the Constitution of a democratic nation through authoritarian tendencies are the real anti-nationals. The people of this country know well who they are." Stalin said it is deeply painful that the Governor, who is expected to function in the interests of state, "continues to act against TN and us".

"The Governor's decision to leave the House bringing disrepute to the constitutional office," he said.

K'taka, Centre at odds over Western Ghats

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA and the Centre are in a tiff again over the implementation of the Kasturirangan report for the protection of the Western Ghats landscape.

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) officials and Central government constituted a committee, and held a meeting with the state forest department to discuss the sixth time prepared draft for the implementation of the report. The meeting was held earlier this week in Bengaluru, where delegates from other states participated online.

Ministry sources said, "While other Western Ghats states expressed confusion over the implementation of the report, Karnataka, expressed its strong rebel. It outrightly rejected it. We were trying to find a middle path to implement it. We are not forcing anyone to accept the report."

Karnataka forest officials put forth the stand of the state government, stating that the Cabinet has taken the decision to reject the report.

"We cannot go against the state government. Around 70% of the Western Ghats is a part of the forested area, which also includes reserve forests. The remaining are exploited for multiple purposes. Just like the Centre, we also want to protect the Western Ghats, but our method is different. We have to abide by the Cabinet's decision," an official said.

It may be recalled that in August 2024, the cabinet took the

decision to reject the report. The government decided to oppose the proposal to declare a 22,668 sq km area as an eco-sensitive area and restrict development in the region. The government was of the opinion that it had already notified 16,632sqkm in multiple forms like national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and eco-sensitive zones and beyond that, it will be difficult, as the livelihood of people staying in the remaining regions will be compromised.

In 2015, the state government agreed to halt mining while permitting stone quarrying and sand mining, and proposed promoting eco-tourism by declaring 153 of 1,553 villages as ecologically sensitive. The 2013 Kasturirangan report, which was prepared by ex-ISRO head, Dr K Kasturirangan, proposed protecting 37% of the Western Ghats—about 60,000 sq km—including 20,668 sq km in Karnataka, which houses the lion's share of the area stretching from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Goa.

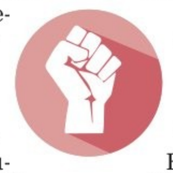
VB-G RAM G: K'taka govt may name 6k panchayats after Mahatma Gandhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress, which is against the Centre's decision of replacing MGNREGA with VB-G RAM G, is likely to name over 6,000 gram panchayats (GPs) in Karnataka after Mahatma Gandhi.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is likely to make an announcement in this regard in his budget, according to sources. This move is based on former MP and KPCC vice-president VS Ugrappa's suggestion. Ugrappa wrote to Siddaramaiah in this regard on January 20. Ugrappa stated that considering the contributions of Gandhi, the UPA government led by Dr Manmohan Singh enacted the 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act' to tackle problems such as unemployment.

But the Modi-led NDA government, which came to power in 2014, did not provide adequate funds to MGNREGA. The NDA replaced MGNREGA with VB-G RAM G by removing Mahatma Gandhi from the Act. By doing this, it not only insulted Gandhi, but also violated Article 51(A) of the Constitution, Ugrappa alleged. "No citizen of India will tolerate this. It is the hidden agenda of BJP and RSS and promote Nathuram Gode's ideology," he alleged. The Congress, which has faith in the Constitution and the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi, should give a befitting reply to the Modi government and sympathisers of RSS and Godse, he said.



Decentralisation of power and gram swarajya were Gandhi's concepts. Based on these, GPs and other local bodies were formed. Hence, over 6,000 GPs and other local bodies in the state should be named as "Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi gram panchayat offices," he said.

No citizen of India will tolerate this. It is the hidden agenda of BJP and RSS and promote Nathuram Gode's ideology — Ugrappa, KPCC V-P

EXPRESS READ

Woman says sexually harassed by naked man

Bengaluru: A woman alleged that a naked man in a car approached her and repeatedly forced her to get inside the vehicle. The woman shared her ordeal on social media, claiming that though the spot had several passersby, no one came to her help. But she has not filed a complaint, nor mentioned the location. It is learnt that she works at a private hospital. She uploaded a 26-second video clip on her Instagram, mood_flicks, two days ago. She wrote, "While returning home from my office, a man in a car was completely naked and called me toward him. Even though people were walking close by, no one helped when I shouted for support. The man then started driving his car toward me, making the situation dangerous. Recording the video was risky, but I did it for my safety. It was deeply disturbing." ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, we, Smt. Pallavi Kumar, Sarala Ananth, Charitra Shankar, are owners of the property bearing No.967/958/965/853/597/160/2A2, E-PID No.1439056412, measuring East-west 70 Ft, North- South 70 Feet, total measuring 8400 Sq Feet, Schedule on :-East- Road and property belongs to Krishnappa, West-Government Property, North- Arakere Village Property, South-Chikka Byanna and Road, Situated at No.160/2A2, 2nd B Main Road, Hulimavu, Near Kempamma Temple, Bengaluru-560076. We ready to sell the above said property, If anybody have any objections kindly intimate to the above said address within the 15 days from this public notice. **Mobile: 90365 69388**

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Advocate & Legal Consultant
No. 22, 2nd Floor, Papanna Building Opp. Canara Bank, Near Sub-Registrar Office Begur, BENGALURU - 560 114.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MR. ROSHAN F. PINTO** S/o. Mr. J Pinto is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Mr.Sushil K Kurian** S/o.Mr.Kurian Thomas; person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property which is a portion of V.P.Khatha No.21/A, **site No.59** (fifty nine) carved out of Sy No.29/1 and Sy No.29/2 situated in **Hennur village, Kasaba hobli, Bangalore North taluk,** measuring **North-75 feet; South-80-feet: East—50 feet: West-50 feet,** presently coming under the limits of BBMP and bounded on the :
East by- Neerukaluve; West by- 25 feet cross road, North by- site No.60, South by- remaining portion of the property.

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IN THE PRL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (MAYO HALL UNIT) AT BENGALURU (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 25662/2024
BETWEEN: H.K Chaithra Reddy D/o Kodanda Kumar Reddy, aged about 22 years, R/at Mylasandra village, Begur Post, Opp to Govt School, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560068 ...PLAINTIFF
AND: N Hanumantha Reddy & Ors ...DEFENDANTS
Defendant No. 19 & 20
19. Mr. Varun Kumar BP S/o Mr. Prabhudevaa RS Aged about 29 years, R/at Flat No. 500, Bharathi Kavi Raja Nilaya, 2nd Main, 11th Cross, near ICICI Bank, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Vishvaneedam, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560091 **20. Mrs Navya B P** D/o Mr. Prabhudevaa RS Aged about 32 years R/at No. 19/1, Sankalp Cherry Blossom Apartment, Block A 303, Idgah Road, Devasthanagalu, Varthur, Bengaluru-560087.
ISSUE SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO 19 & 20 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CPC.
Whereas, the above-named Plaintiff has filed a suit for partition and separate possession in respect of the below mentioned Suit Schedule property and you are arrayed as Defendant No. 19 and 20 in the above suit.
Therefore, the Defendant No. 19 and 20 claiming to have any right, title and interest in the above suit filed by the above-named Plaintiff is hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble City Civil & Sessions Judge (Mayo Hall Unit) at Bengaluru (CCh-20) on 07.02.2026 at 11 A.M. in person or by a pleader duly instructed to show cause against the above suit failing which the said suit will be heard and determined exparte.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
i. ITEM NO.1: All the piece and parcel of the said property bearing survey no. 43/3, situated at Yellenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore measuring to an extent of 02 Acres 5.5 Guntas and bounded on the: East by: Property of Smt. P. Lakshmi. West by: Land measuring survey No. 43/2 North by: 20 Feet Road and land of Adugodi Buddappa. South by: Land of Dupanahalli Muniswamappa.
ii. ITEM NO.2: All the piece and parcel of the said property bearing survey no. 69, situated at Mallasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore measuring to an extent of 23.5 Guntas and bounded on the: East by: Property of Smt. Thimmakka. West by: Kere Katte North by: Property of Sri. Chandra Reddy South by: Property of Smt. P. Lakshmi
iii. ITEM NO.3: All the piece and parcel of the said property bearing survey no. 43/2, situated at Yellenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore measuring to an extent of 39 Guntas and bounded on the: East by: Land measuring Survey no. 43/2 West by: Property Smt. P. Lakshmi North by: Property of Aadugodi Buddappa South by: Property of Land of Dupanahalli Muniswamappa.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on this day 20th January 2025.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Deputy Registrar, City Civil and Session Court, (Mayo Hall) Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff: **SG RAJANNA & AKASH V T**
Office at No.30, GF-1, Sapthagiri, 10th Cross, 15th main, RMV extension, Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru-560080

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client **Mr. SYED IBRAHIM BADUSHA,** Son of Mr. Syed Ibrahim Shahib Latheef Sultan, that the property is more particularly described in the schedule hereunder and situated at all that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.126/2 ,measuring 1 Acre 33 Guntas situated in Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura, And all that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.126/4,measuring 1 Acre 11 Guntas situated in Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura. Which is owned by **Mrs. GANGAMMA** Wife of Mr. Mariyanna and **Mr. CHANDRASHEKAR D M** Son of Mr. Mariyanna and **Mr. GIRISH KUMAR** Son of Mr. Mariyanna. Having acquired vide Gift deed registered on dated 10.03.1993 document No.2404/1982-83, stored in Book No.1, Volume No.1619, page No.173-175 registered at the office of the Sub Registrar Doddaballapur and My client has decided to Purchase the said schedule property.
Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or Award or otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at the office of Ashvik Law Associates, Advocates and Solicitors, within a period of 7 days of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned,
SCHEDULE:
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the Agricultural land bearing **Survey No.126/2**, measuring **1 Acre 33 Guntas** situated in **Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura** and bounded as follows:-
East by : Property belonging to Mr. Doddaveranna; **West by :** Property belonging to Mr. Chikkahanumaiah; **North by :** Property belonging to Mr.Chikkahanumaiah; **South by :** Thalavarike.
AND
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the Agricultural land bearing **Survey No.126/4,** measuring **1 Acre 11 Guntas** situated in **Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura** and bounded as follows:-
East by : Property belonging to Mr. Doddaveranna; **West by :** Property belonging to Mr.Chikkahanumaiah; **North by :** Property belonging to Mr.Chikkahanumaiah; **South by :** Thalavarike.
Sd/-
Advocate Ashwini Annegowda
Mob: 9538535801
Ashvik Law Associates,
Office at No 24, First Floor, Sri Rama Mandir Road, Near to Lalbagh Metro Station, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that my client has negotiated to purchase the residential property described in the schedule below from **SMT. G. VASANTHA** W/o. late Sri. G. Kempanna, residing at No.50, "Nethra Nilaya", 3 Cross, S.B.M. Colony, B.S.K. 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 050.
The Vendor has represented that the said property is her self-acquired property, purchased under **Registered Sale Deed dated 20.05.2013, registered as Document No. SHV-1-00423/2013-14 of Book-I, stored in CDNo.SHVD163, at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore.** The Vendor further claims the property is free from all encumbrances, liens, charges, mortgages, or legal disputes.
Any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, or objection to the sale of the said property by way of Inheritance, share, mortgage, gift, lease, lien, trust, or any other agreement is hereby called up on to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, supported by relevant documentary evidence.
If no such claims are received within the specified period, it shall be deemed that no such claims are subsisting, and my client shall proceed to complete the transaction of Sale. Any claims received after the expiry of the said period shall be considered waived.
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Immovable **Property Bearing No.435, Property New E-PID No.71-9-435,** situated at **Sonnenahalli Exterision, Bangalore,** in the Layout formed by the City Improvement Trust Board, (Later known as Bangalore Development Authority), presently the above said property now comes under the control and management of Bruhat Bangalore Maha Nagara Palike and the said concerned authority has assigned and numbered the said Property as No.435, Vivekanagar Layout, Bangalore, in the corresponding Bangalore Maha Nagara Palike Ward No.71 Austin Town, New BBMP Ward No.115, with unique **Property ID No. (PID)71-9-435, measuring East to West 30 Feet or 9.14 Meters and North to South 50 Feet or 15.24 Meters, in all measuring 1500 Square Feet or 139.40 Square Meters,** Together with structures standing thereon comprising of 32 Squares of R.C.C. Roofed Commercial Building, (Consisting of 8 Squares of Ground Floor, 8 Squares of First Floor, 8 Squares of Second Floor and 8 Squares of Third Floor) and the entire building is constructed with Bricks and Cement Walls, Doors and Windows made out of Steel, Mosaic Flooring, with all civic amenities, like Water, Electricity and Sanitary connections, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:
East by : Property bearing No.434,
West by : Road,
North by : Property bearing No.420,
South by : Road.
R. S. RAJESH
Advocate
Rajesh Law Associates,
#50 Money Point, 1st Floor No. 103, Opp BMTC Bus Stand, K.H. Rood, Bangalore-540 027
080-4169 7700, M : 9645077949

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **RAJESH KUMAR MEHTA**, No. FF 8, Atria Villa, Near Dattatreya Temple, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru-03, has lost or misplaced the following documents:-
[1] Original Sale deed copy Khaneshmari, No. 726/1, Site No.M, E-Katha No.15020010260012037 9 Sy No. 56/1, at Attibele Village, Anekal Taluk Property No.726/1M document No.2681/18-19 dated 28-07-2018 in the Sub-registered in Attibele Bangalore Rural.
[2] Document (Duplicate) N0.954/2015-16, Book No.1,Attibele Sub-registered Bangalore Rural.
SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Khaneshmari No. 726/1, Site No.M, E-Katha No.1502001026001- 20379, property No.726/1M, Presently Attibele Municipal Katha Assessment No.1385/726/1M, measuring East to West 30 feet (9.14 Meter) North to South 49 feet(12.19 Meter) totally measuring 1200 Sq feet(111.48 Sq Meter) carved out of converted Survey No.56/1, Vide its Order ALN.49/65/66, Dated 20-10-1967, Situated at Attibele Village, Attibele Grama Panchayathi, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.N (726/1N), **West by :** Site No. L (726/1L), **North by :** Site No.F (726/1E & F), **South by :** Road, above documents not able to trace despite of her best efforts and she has lodged the police above documents are untraceable despite of the best efforts and police complaints have been lodged on**16-01-2026 Lost report no 2011591/ 2026 and on 19-01-2026 Lost report No.2016273/ 2026 respectively.**
If the above said documents are found by anybody please hand over to above address or near by Police Station. Contact No. 9945767999
PRANAY SHARMA.Y, Advocate
No.102, Krishna Prasad Apartment Dattatreya Temple Road, Pipeline Main Road Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03, Mob: 8553647502
Email: Adv.pranaysharma@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Sri.Punith.C**, Son of Late Channaiah.C.M, Aged about 33 years, Residing at #2160, Lakshmi Nilaya, C Block, D Group Layout, Srigandhakaval, Bengaluru 560091, has entered into a Sale Agreement on 21/01/2026 with Smt.Bhagyalakshmi Umapathy, Daughter of Umapathy, in respect of the Schedule Property.
Any persons including family members, institutions claiming to have any right, title, interest, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the said property may lodge his/her/claims to the undersigned with documentary proof within Seven(7) days of this publication, failing which it will be deemed that no other person, family members have any claim, demand, right, interest or agreement of sale or mortgage or objections to purchase the said property by my client and any such claims shall have no liabilities on my client and my client shall proceed and complete the sale, as if there is no such claims.
SCHEUDLE PROPERTY
All the Piece and Parcel of the Residential Vacant Corner Site #2134, measuring East to West: 9 meter and North to South 12 meter, totally measuring 108 Sq.meter, having PID.No:6000073889, Carved out of Sy.No.26/2 of Kenchanpura Village, I Sector, 2nd Block of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, formed by the BDA.
Bhaskar Gowda. N. M. Advocate
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POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under.The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.
Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstandingincluding all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl No.	Name&Address of Borrower/ Loan A/c	Date of Demand notice	Outstanding Amount	Details of Property	Date of Possession
[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]
1)	**Loan A/c Nos.HE01YAA00000107416 .XVFPBLU00006515420 :** **1.Rajushetty Chandrashekar 2.Kusuma Rajashetty 3.Preethi Krishnan** All are at:No.1586, House No.102, 1st Floor, E-Block, Aecs Layout, Kundalahalli, Near Shell Petrol Bunk, Bangalore – 560037. **4.Shree Sai Constructions,** Site No. E-13A, Shree Sai Construction Mumekolala, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore – 560066.	26-09-2025	**Rs. 1,00,04,190/-** as on **26-09-2025** and interest thereon	Property belongs to **Mr. Rajushetty Chandrashekar** (Applicant) : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.M6, BBMP Katha, SL.No.1258, Carved out of Converted land bearing Sy.No.34, in the layout known as "SILVER SPRINGS" Situated at Munnekolala Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently within the limit of BBMP, Measuring 30X60 feet in all measuring 1800 Square feet and along with building Constructed thereon and bounded on: East by : Site No.A54, West by : Road, North by : Site No. B24 and No.M3, South By : Road.	23.01.2026

Date : 25.01.2026
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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NOTICE FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSETS UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULE 8(6) AND 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

The undersigned being Authorized Officer of Bank of India is having full powers to issue this notice of Sale and exercise all the powers of sale under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there under. Notice is hereby given to you/ borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditor Bank of India, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is, where is", "As is, what is" and " Whatever there is"** basis through **e-auction on 26-02-2026,** for Recovery of dues as detailed below due to the secured creditor **Bank of India** from Borrowers and Guarantors detailed below

1) The general public and interested buyers are advised to contact the above mentioned Branch for any enquiries participating in the bid and for all other matters in this regard (except submitting their online bid as stated in the terms & conditions) or for any other enquiry with regard to purchase of any property. **2)** General Public/ Interested buyers are cautioned that bank shall not be liable /responsible / answerable for any of the act/dealings of the general public / Interested buyers with any third party in this regard or for any remittances to third parties,which may be done at their risk and responsibility. **3)** It is also informed that the total amount payable by the successful bidder of the property to the bank is only their final bid amount quoted in the bidding process (as per the terms and conditions) plus applicable taxes (TDS, Stamp Duty, Charges/ Fees towards registration of sale certificate to be separately which are to be borne by the bidder). **4)** Buyers shall satisfy themselves about registrability of property since bank is not aware of any prohibition of registration of property at any SRO. **5)** The intending bidders shall ascertain and satisfy themselves about any statutory/ Government/Municipality claims on the property like property tax, electricity, water, Welfare Association Maintenance dues or any other dues etc. prior to submitting bid. **6)** Intending bidders to note that in case of any litigations arise in future in respect of the subject e-auction property/ies, the auction will be subject to outcome of such litigation. **7)** Intending bidders should conduct proper/ independent due diligence prior to submitting bid.

Date and Time of Sale: 26-02-2026 at Time 11:00 AM to 5.00 PM.
(With multiple extensions till sale is concluded)

S. No.	Details of Borrowers and Guarantors with Outstanding Balance
1.	**Mr. Tallapaneni China Venkateswarlu,** D.No.26/2/1608, Venkatreddy Nagar, Vedayapalem, Nellore, SPSR Nellore Dist-524004. **Mr. Talapaneni Srinivasulu (legal Heir of Late Mrs. Tallapaneni Hymavathi), S/o T.China Venkateswarlu,** House No.88, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Padmavathi Layout, Kithiganur Main Road, Near Srinivasa Temple, R.K.Puram, Bangalore North, Bengaluru Karnataka-560036. **Mrs. Jampala Supraja (legal Heir of Late Mrs. Tallapaneni Hymavathi), D/o T.China Venkateswarlu,** 23510, Adagioter, Ashburn, VA 20148-7459, Virginia, USA. **Mrs. Talapaneni Jyothi (legal Heir of Late Mrs. Tallapaneni Hymavathi), D/o T.China Venkateswarlu,** 1531 Husband PL, Milton, ON, L9T 8Y3, Ontario, Canada; Mr Tallapaneni China Venkateswarlu, (legal Heir of Late Mrs. Tallapaneni Hymavathi) D.No: 26/2/1608, Venkatreddy Nagar, Vedayapalem, Nellore, SPSR Nellore Dist - 524004; Mr. Laghumsani Venkateswarlu, S/o Krishnaiah, Door No.26-2-1462, Venkata reddy Nagar, Vedayaplem, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District-524004 with outstanding of **Rs.1,59,34,642.17** plus Interest at contractual rate from 28.08.2023 with costs, expenses etc less any part amount repaid. **Description of the Immovable Property: Property registered in the name of Late Mrs.Tallapaneni Hymavathi W/o Mr.Tallapaneni China Venkateswarlu Vide Doc.No: 6979/1994 dt 07.12.1994 SRO: Nellore.** Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District, SPSR Nellore Registration District, Nellore Sub-Registrar Office, Nellore Municipal Corporation Limits-Nellore City- Vedayapalem, Bearing Patta No.43, covered in Sy.No.7/1/B, for an extent of Ac 3.75 Cents of land was converted into house plots by Layout plan and in which bearing Plot.No:26 & 27 an extent of 41 2/3 Ankanams out of 66 2/3 Ankanams of Site is situated within the following **boundaries: East:** Road; **South:** Plot No's: 28 & 29; **West:** Remaining site of said Plot i.e., Plot No.26 & 27 sold by T.Hymavathi to Bathina Basavamma; **North:** Plot No's 22 & 23 Within the above boundaries for an extent of 41 2/3 ankanams of site and constructions there in with all its easement rights **MOD: 5682/2013 dt 24.06.2013 SRO: Nellore; MOD: 8461/2017 dt 27.11.2017, SRO: Nellore; MOD: 12473/2021 Dt: 30.10.2021, SRO: Nellore (R.O); Sale Deed: 6979/1994 Dt: 07.12.1994, SRO: Nellore** **Possession: Physical** **Reserve Price: Rs. 145.00 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 14.50 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 1.00 Lakh**

Terms and Conditions: 1) To view details of property, please visit **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/x-login**. **2)** Auction Sale/bidding will be only through **"Online Electronic Bidding"** process through the website **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/x-login** . **3)** The intending bidders should one time register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration** and get their User ID and Password, where upon they would be allowed to participate in online e-auction on the said portal. EMD has to be deposited to their wallet. **4)** At any point of time, your bid amount should be more than reserve price atleast by first bid increment amount and Bids shall be submitted through online procedure through above portal and bidder should have sufficient balance in their wallet for EMD to participate in EAuction. **5)** Intending bidders shall hold a valid Email address & Mobile No for registering and participating in E-auction. **6)** Bidders are advised to go through our website **https://bankofindia.co.in/Tender** for detailed terms and conditions of E-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-auction sale. **7)** The sale is subject to detailed terms and conditions provided in Secured Creditor **Bank of India** website **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/home 8)** Inspection of the property with prior appointment of the Branch concerned, Details of contacts are also furnished above. **9)** Bank is not liable to demarcate any lands under sale to purchasers.

Note: The Successful bidders shall have to pay 25% of the sale price including EMD on the same day of the sale or not later than next working day, as the case may be and the balance amount of sale price within 15 days of acceptance/confirmation of sale communicated to them. In the event of failure to pay the 25% of the amount or the balance amount within the stipulated period as stated above, sale shall be cancelled and any amount deposited by bidders related to this bid, shall be forfeited without any further notice to the bidders in the matter and bidders shall forego all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold and the amount paid by the successful bidder shall not bear any interest and thereby no such claim for payment of interest can be made by the bidders under any circumstances

Date: 20-01-2026, Place: Hyderabad — Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bank of India

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Tender Notice No.19/SE(H-CITI)/GHMC/2025-26 **Date: 23.01.2026**

Item No.	Name of work
1.	Project management Consultancy Services for Proof checking, construction supervision, Quality Assurance, Quality Control & amp; Quality Audit for the work of "Construction of 4 Lane ROB at Bridge No.202@km161/13-15 near Lingampally Railway Station with 2 Lane up Ramp from Gulmohar Junction, GHMC under Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) /Turnkey - Basis".

Sl. No.	Events		Date and Time
1.	Start Date	:	27-01-2026 from 04:00 PM
2.	Pre-bid Meeting	:	04-02-2026 at 03.00 PM **Location:** O/o Chief Engineer (Projects), GHMC 6th Floor, GHMC Head Office, Tank Bund, Hyderabad.
3.	Last Date & Time for receipt of Bids	:	11-02-2026 upto 03:00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical Bid	:	11-02-2026 after 04:00 PM
5.	Opening of Price Bid	:	13-02-2026 after 4:00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit **www.tender.telangana.gov.in** to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to **sesrdppwz@gmail.com.** Address of the officer concerned Sri G. Sree Lakshmi, SE(H-CITI&SNDP), Superintending Engineer (H-CITI&SNDP), GHMC, Tank Bund Road, Hyd. Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.**
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (H-CITI & SNDP), GHMC.**
DIPR R.O. No.14443-PP/CL/Advt/1/2025-26, Dt: 24/01/2026

"Sectarianism, bigotry, and its horrible descendant, fanaticism, have long possessed this beautiful Earth... Had it not been for these horrible demons, human society would be far more advanced than it is now

Swami Vivekananda

BUDGET 2026 MUST TRUMP-PROOF INDIA'S ECONOMY

THE THIRD EYE

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THERE is a new term for volatile uncertainty in the post-Davos world. It is spelt T R U M P. Economic security matters—more so when whims are weaponised, super imperialism arrives dressed in past and imagined grievances and a US president levies tariffs because his claim of brokering peace is not validated. The rules-based world order—always a cartel of the West—a convenient, useful fiction in the best of times, stands exposed. Even this very flawed model is, to paraphrase Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, facing a rupture.

Context matters for politics and economic policy. Next Sunday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the 2026 Budget in one of the most challenging global and domestic settings. It is true that India is likely to end the year with 7.4 percent GDP growth. However, there is no disputing the distress in employment-intensive sectors and sustainability following the advent of artificial intelligence-enabled commerce.

The data illustrates the fault lines. The rupee has fallen from 86 per dollar to over 91.95 in a year. Net foreign direct investment is down. Sell-off by foreign institutional investors pushes the rupee down and the falling rupee triggers further sell-off. Private consumption is verily K-shaped. IT services is the largest formal employer and consumption accelerator. India's top five IT companies added just 17 net employees in the first nine months of 2025-26. Home sales are down 14 percent in major metros. Houses priced below ₹75 lakh, which constituted 60 percent of sales, are now at 32 percent, while those priced above ₹40 crore jumped 66 percent in 2025.

India must find answers for its economic security within its potential. Budget 2026 must Trump-proof India's economy by eliminating friction, enhancing entrepreneurship and improving income generation for propelling consumption among 140 crore people. Here are a few observations and exploration of possibilities.

REVIVE THE RUPEE: The decline in the rupee is both a cause and consequence of events. The circumstance calls for steps beyond foreign-currency non-resident account band-aids and policies for export promotion and import substitution. Restoration of value demands the creation of investment opportunities to draw in dollars. Blend the intent for privatisation with the need for FDI. India should invite global bids for public sector assets—government holdings in banks, in state-owned airports, in oil retailers. It should also create plug-and-play sites using idle space in sick PSUs like HAL in Pune or MTNL for data and capability centres to capitalise on the AI rush.

INDIA INVESTMENT SUMMIT: Davos 2025 featured surreal theatre—seven Indian chief ministers flew to Switzerland so Indian companies could meet them to discuss investing in India. Instead, why not invite investors to India? To start with, the CMs could share their experience—what investors want. CMs can be invited to showcase what they can offer and add Niti Aayog's much-promised Investor Friendliness Index. The crux is, instead of every state holding their own event—like Kinetic Karnataka or Magnetic Maharashtra—why not host an India Investment Summit for opportunities across India?

BUILD NEW CITIES: Indian cities will host nearly 90 crore people by 2050. We need more cities, homes and better living spaces. Yet India, as per the World Bank, spends less than 1 percent of its GDP on urban infrastructure. PSUs possess over 18 lakh acres of land. Hawking them piecemeal has not worked as the National Land Monetisation Corporation, created in 2022, has struggled. Instead, bundle PSU land with adjacent ordnance, railway and defence parcels to create integrated townships—not the next Mumbai or Chennai, but smaller ones hosting less than 10 lakh people. These could also be senior retirement homes. Open them for global bids to drive investment, jobs, consumption and growth.

CREATE INDRA: India needs a platform—India Development Research Agency—to host technologies to meet challenges old and new. Institutions such as DRDO, Isro, NCL, ICAR and others designed solutions, but struggled to monetise them. Isro can map soil moisture and help predict yields. DRDO has expertise in phase-change materials that can trim cooling costs. The National Chemical Laboratory has looked at biodegradable polymers. The 2024 Budget initiated the creation of a ₹1-lakh-crore Research, Development & Innovation Fund and a ₹1-lakh-crore Urban Challenges Fund was proposed in 2025. The ideas are still on the runway. Why not create INDRA, an ecosystem to foster solutions and monetise them on a fee-royalty basis to solve India's problems.

REGULATORY REFORMS: Every square mile of India is governed by states, who control standards and permits in critical areas. Budget 2025 promised regulatory reforms—both at the Centre and the states. The government informed parliament that two high-level committees were working on such reforms. What is the approach? For instance, a power project needs 116 approvals. Must this be so? Why not do a flow chart of permissions? Is the system being interrogated? It will be useful to have an interim report and a deadline for the final report.

India, unlike other middle powers, is not fully tethered to blocs defined by identity or ideology. Yet, it is haunted by a lack of capacity to translate ideas into outcomes, and its politics frequently waits for a crisis before acting. Budget 2026 presents an opportunity to break this pattern. It can empower the economy, unleash the scale of its domestic market and entrepreneurial potential, and address structural fault lines. This Budget can Trump-proof the economy.

TRUMPISM TRIUMPHS MULTILATERALISM

POWER & POLITICS

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THE world is undergoing a profound reset, but not with the optimism that followed major wars or the confidence that marked the rise of international institutions. It is being altered with raw ambition, transactional power and unapologetic nationalism. The idea that global challenges need collective solutions is being undermined by conflicting national interests, institutional fatigue and a growing view that international bodies are disconnected from real-world results. Globalism, once seen as the natural progression of world order, is now regarded as a barrier rather than a benefit.

In this period of change, Donald Trump's second term has not just aligned with this shift but has come to represent and accelerate it. Trump is not responding to the mauling of multilateralism. He is leading an assault against it. Trump's perspective is based on a straightforward judgement. Multilateral institutions, in his view, have failed to prevent wars, reduce inequality, protect borders, ensure health security and uphold human rights consistently. He asserts that they persist not because they achieve results, but because they support a permanent global bureaucracy of retired politicians, career diplomats and civil servants who move endlessly from one organisation to another, earning high salaries, enjoying tax-free incomes and travelling the world for conferences and consultations.

His politics gains strength from criticising this system, and in his second term, that criticism has become a systematic strategy rather than occasional remarks. The proposal to establish a U.S.-led Peace Board to rebuild Gaza demonstrates this method. Presented as a practical humanitarian effort, it is actually a deliberate sidestep of the United Nations, the European Union, and all existing conflict resolution frameworks that have handled the region for decades. It signals that Washington no longer values multilateral mediation and prefers temporary arrangements under its direct control. The initiative also challenges the legitimacy of UN agencies that have traditionally worked in conflict areas, indicating they are replaceable when they do not match American priorities.

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This approach has been applied consistently in other areas. Trump's withdrawal from the World Health Organization is a key example. WHO employs over 8,000 people and operates on a budget of roughly $6-7 billion across a two-year cycle. A significant portion of that funding has historically come from the US. Trump used this reliance as leverage, publicly questioning why American taxpayers should fund an organisation that issues guidelines, criticism and advisories impacting US policy without being accountable to US voters. It was a warning to the entire United Nations system that financial dependence creates political weakness. The wider UN system shows the same structural issues. More than 40 major agencies, funds and programmes together employ about 1.8 lakh persons worldwide at an operational cost of $60 billion. Faced with Trump's public threats, diplomatic violations and open contempt, most institutions respond with carefully-worded statements that avoid direct confrontation.

Trump's demeanour further highlights his rejection of established norms. He openly shares private conversations with foreign leaders, ignores diplomatic confidentiality and uses public humiliation as a negotiation tool. He has casually discussed arresting the president of another country not under US jurisdiction and absorbing or controlling territories belonging to allies. The luminous feature of this moment is that Trump's critique gains traction because multilateralism has been weakening long before his return to power. The UN Security Council has been paralysed by veto politics, unable to prevent or resolve conflicts in Syria, Ukraine or Gaza. The World Trade Organization, once the duenna of a rules-based trading system, has effectively broken down, with its dispute settlement mechanism disabled and major economies handling trade disputes through unilateral tariffs and bilateral pressure.

Organisations like Unicef and Unesco, once symbols of moral authority, are increasingly seen as politicised and peripheral. The global human rights framework has lost credibility. Conservative estimates suggest more than three hundred intergovernmental organisations operate globally. Collectively, they employ several hundred thousand people and consume well over $150 billion annually. Yet wars continue, climate goals are missed, inequality grows and humanitarian crises increase. For critics like Trump, these disconnect between spending and outcomes are the ultimate criticism.

Efforts to create alternative multilateral groups have not built confidence. The Non-Aligned Movement faded as Cold War tensions rose. SAARC became captive to regional rivalries and distrust. Brics, formed to challenge Western dominance in global finance, has mostly provided symbolism rather than substantial change. Annual summits produce headlines and declarations, but real impact stays limited. Other groups such as the G7, G20, Quad and Asean have increasingly resembled diplomatic renditions. Leaders land at scenic locations, release communiqués written in bureaucratic language and leave with little accountability for follow-through.

For officials, these forums offer career advancement and prestige. For leaders, they provide exposure and reassurance. For ordinary citizens dealing with insecurity, inflation and conflict, they deliver resolutions. Trump's alternative is crass transactional. He aims to mount pressure on multilateral bodies financially, undermine them politically, and replace them with bilateral trade and defence agreements where American influence is dominant. This method allows for speed, clarity and control, but it also concentrates power in new ways. China and Russia have responded carefully. China continues to build influence through finance, infrastructure and currency deals, while Russia acts as a disruptor without offering a workable alternative system.

Trump's strategy seeks to reduce China's financial hold on developing countries by pushing them into US-centred arrangements, even if those are tougher and less flexible. At its heart, Trumpism rejects the idea that institutions create peace or stability. In this view, power does. Agreements matter only when supported by coercive strength. This perspective explains why Trump's attack on multilateralism appeals to audiences beyond his core constituencies.

Yet, the consequences are significant. A world run purely by bilateral power dynamics risks becoming more unequal, more unstable and more open to coercion. Smaller states lose space for collective negotiation. Norms decline faster than they can be restored. Crisis response becomes improvised and unpredictable. The choice facing the world is clear. Multilateralism must reform deeply or face irrelevance. Institutions must prove their value not through history or ideals, but through clear achievements. If that does not occur, Trump's mad method will not stay an exception. It will become a model. If multilateralism fails, it will not be because Trump destroyed it. It will be because it did not adapt to a world that no longer trusts it.

FAINTLY RECALL A WORD... WAS IT 'PEACE'?

INTEREST FREE

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WAR is in the air. In films and the dialogues therein, in what passes these days for diplomatic dialogue, in conjecture and commentary, in commodity prices rising and falling. In Davos. Sometimes just about averting a specific one, though always on the verge of it somewhere or the other. A permanent Almost War. Thankfully, the takeover traffic light for Greenland has turned red for now. The Danes can breathe easy. No immediate stocking up on war rations. Instead of being hit by a meteor on its western front, which was hitherto all quiet and really not even a front, Europe can refocus on its own suicide in the east. Ukraine, in turn, can refocus on counting allies and ammunitions to prolong its own moth's flight path to flame.

Unconfirmed reports suggest China has sent no fewer than 16 Y-20 cargo planes to Iran, loaded with drones and missiles. Not exactly the Chengdu J-10C fighter jets that Tehran wanted last year, but war paraphernalia nonetheless. Our own Republic Day, too, is all set to display war formations this time—Sindoor and any forthcoming streaks of vermilion. The smell of conflict is everywhere on the body of peace.

Lo and behold, there was also the war over the Nobel Peace Prize itself, resolved unamicably—and with a vengeance strike against Venezuela to restore parity and soothe the nerves. The Norwegian Nobel Committee could have been a little more responsible in its choice. We have long excused Oslo for overlooking Gandhiji—that omission belongs to another era. But Trump? That was unfair. Poor man had to go Dutch with Machado. Much ado about something, backed by good collateral noise.

So much war rhetoric has social media looping endlessly, pulling the Cold War out of old storage. Historian John Lewis Gaddis, speaking to TV host (and Reagan-Bush Sr scriptwriter) Peter Robinson, warns that people, particularly the young, are forgetting wars, the Cold War included. In fact, forget that past, Gaddis points out gloomily that freshers at Yale have no inter-generational memory even of 9/11. The collapse of the Twin Towers simply lies beyond their experiential world! It's been a quarter century, by the way, if you haven't been checking your watch.

Maybe he's being too optimistic? As if there's any scope for history to fade even though we are overwhelmed by the present. But there's also hope in that observation. One day, perhaps, there will be children and students in Gaza with no memory of conflict. They will float on a new Ark of peace, not tossed about by the currents of inherited trauma. History, after all, is not meant to be lived permanently in the present tense.

Our readers, however, have no memory loss. We have been firmly admonished by elders among them for not commemorating Subhas Chandra Bose's and Swami Vivekananda's 129th and 164th birth anniversaries befittingly. Our bad—we thought those contesting the West Bengal elections would do it for us. We should have known better. They were caught up playing Chinese whispers over ED raids and over who leaked what to whom. Far too busy with the war within—electoral, albeit.

While the world stands on the brink of war, historian John Lewis Gaddis warns that young people are forgetting not-so-old conflicts. Meanwhile, some Indians are busy bending history to belief

Maybe people today—in particular, the 'Gaddis youth'—are not interested in the theory and praxis of Bose or Vivekananda. Going by what is churned out in the public domain, there's far more interest in their deaths. What new can be unearthed or imagined? How can mystery trump meaning?

There are those who still believe Bose never died—certainly not in a plane crash in Taiwan in 1945. Bose was the Indian nation-state's first war hero. How could he have died quietly in a hospital from third-degree burns?

My former professor, Dr Purabi Roy, a four-starred general of Russian studies, is partly to blame for keeping this mystery alive. Few know Russian as well as Purabidi does (it's fine to use the suffix di for her), except perhaps social scientist Sobhanlal Datta Gupta. When the KGB archives were briefly opened in 1992 after the Soviet collapse, they were among the first two scholars to enter and begin research. Purabidi returned with Bose resurrected. Prof Sobhanlal did not quite agree, but she would have none of it.

In the years since, she has placed Bose in various Russian locations—from dachas near St Petersburg to Siberian gulags—citing anecdotes, submarine escapades and her own research papers to bolster the tales. Over time, speculation acquired the weight of folklore. There are those who believe Bose returned to India and lived on as Gumnami Baba. By this account, Nehru kept him hidden but accorded him a gun salute on his death. History, here, bends willingly to belief.

As for Swami Vivekananda, who died young at 39 after predicting his own death, the contemporary retelling is no less dramatic. He's now believed to have been driven to death by an insensitive society that failed to appreciate what he had done for the country and his religion. That he suffered from asthma and died of complications from severe diabetes, aggravated by fasting and an austere lifestyle, is deemed too tame a story for a figure of his stature.

His disciples and the Belur Math preach that he took *samadhi*—in other words, spiritual euthanasia. Why be mundane when you can go metaphysical? For those who prefer to nourish their absent memory cells with Upanishadic nutrition advice can consult his collected works.

QUOTE CORNER

The origins of the rules-based order lie in the legal justifications for an act of piracy, motivated by profit... Perhaps it's time to face up to what the victims of empire and colonisation have known all along: that, for generations, those hopes have been built on a gross distortion of history, on a set of lies and illusions. If we don't, our best prospects are merely to postpone the worst outcomes of this 'new' global order.

David Wengrow, professor at University College London, on the *LRB* blog

Never has the UN's principal founder and the world's preeminent power since World War 2 attempted to create a rival global peace organisation.

Thant Myint-U, historian and grandson of former UN Secretary-General U Thant

The pervasive control is statutorily recognised now. The issue is sometimes of the tail wagging the dog since there is money involved.

Justice Joymalya Bagchi of the Supreme Court, asserting that private body BCCI's control over Indian cricket has been legally accepted

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Building Brics

Ref: *World declares death of old economic order* (Jan 24). The words in Mark Carney's Davos address were carefully chosen from a hurt Canadian perspective, against the fact that over a third of Canada's economy until recently was US-dependant. I wonder if Carney 'stole' S Jaishankar's thought of our country creating its own 'high table' if we do not wish to be on the menu at another's. As your editorial suggests, if it is a given that existing multilateral institutions and norms have all but died, the power structures will invariably move from the West to the Global South over 2026-35. For India, it's time to work out our own version of a new, 'honest' path with a distinct focus on the Global South. We could start the work with Brics, as its present chair.

A V S Ramesh Chandra, email

Chinese balance

A balanced economic order is now a necessity, rather than a choice. Globalised capitalism, especially in its financial offshoots, delivered efficiency but also deep inequality and weakened labour markets, while communism collapsed under inefficiency and rigid state control. The failure of both extremes calls for renewed rethinking beyond ideology. The Chinese model is a shining example where private entrepreneurs are pampered but must align with national strategy.

A Thirugnanasambantham, Coimbatore

Administrative failure

Ref: *Dogs suffering in gap between plan and action* (Jan 24). The killing of hundreds of dogs in Telangana reflects the failure of civic agencies. Years of inaction in managing stray populations through humane and scientific methods have pushed the situation to a crisis. Civilians face serious threats from attacks. When animals pose a direct danger to human safety, public anger becomes inevitable. Accountability lies with authorities who ignored prevention and responsible animal control.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

OCI chessplayers

Ref: *TN will have 'double engine' NDA govt after polls, says Modi* (Jan 24). As the elections approach, we urge the government of India to clarify the eligibility of Overseas Citizens of India to participate in state and national chess tournaments. Many OCIs are children of Indian professionals who were born abroad due to parental deputations or service placement. Upon returning to India, the parents pay taxes, vote in elections and hold Indian IDs. It's unfair to deprive their kids opportunities to participate in state and national tournaments. They shouldn't be penalised for circumstances beyond their control.

Somiah Ravindran, Puducherry

Kerala model

Ref: *BJP councillor R Sreelekha explains why she did not greet PM on stage* (Jan 24). The central government is stifling Kerala by withholding legally-entitled project funds and slashing the state's borrowing limit. Such an approach, extending even to the freezing of school midday meal funds, is unbecoming. The double standards shown towards Kerala during natural disasters and on crucial projects like AIIMS are deeply concerning. The propaganda that Kerala should be converted to a 'Gujarat model' is inconsistent with the facts. Compared to Gujarat, Kerala's infant mortality rate is much lower, and the number of doctors and the minimum wage are far higher. Kerala should serve as the 'true model'.

S Padmanabhan, Kochi

Against fanaticism

Ref: *Odisha pastor forcefully made to eat cow dung* (Jan 17). It is highly condemnable that a set of barbarians allegedly belonging to Bajrang Dal barged into the residence of Pastor Bipin Bihari Naik in Odisha's Parjang village, and brutally assaulted his family and seven other Christian families. Such violence against Christians is not new to Odisha, where Graham Staines was burned. But such incidents are a warning to the country, particularly Tamil Nadu, which is going to the polls soon, to stay vigilant against divisive religious fanatics.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh

There isn't even a column for caste in the census notification—what will they count? A caste-based census is just another BJP gimmick.

Sagarika Ghose @sagarikaghose

All Modi can do is rush around from Tamil Nadu to Kerala to Bengal, hurling foul language at administrations that actually work.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya

When there is no democracy within the party itself, what option can it offer to the country? The problem with Congress is not the opposition; it is its own leadership.

Parties to meet for Budget session

Govt schedules all-party discussion for the upcoming Parliamentary sittings for Tuesday

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Union Government has convened an all-party meeting on January 27 to deliberate on legislative and other priorities ahead of the Budget Session of Parliament, scheduled to begin on January 28.

In keeping with long-standing parliamentary tradition, President Droupadi Murmu will address a joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to mark the commencement of the session.

After a long interval, the Union Budget will be presented on February 1, which falls on a Sunday, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman set to present her ninth consecutive Budget.

Convened by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, the all-party meeting will be held at 11 am in the main committee room of the Parliament House Annexe on January 27.

As per the announced schedule, the Budget Session will continue until April 2. The first phase will conclude on February 13, with Parliament reconvening on March 9.

Traditionally, such all-party meetings are aimed at seeking cooperation from Opposition parties to ensure the smooth functioning of both Houses and to facilitate broader discussions on key issues. This year, the Budget is widely expected to include focused allocations for certain poll-bound states.

According to sources, the Budget may also contain consolidated measures to accelerate economic growth, aligning with the national objective of Viksit Bharat and positioning India as the world's third-largest economy.

It is also being suggested that VB-G-RAM-G, which has replaced the UPA-era Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, is likely to receive a substantial allocation. This, observers believe, could help counter Opposition criticism of the Government on the issue.

"As the session comes at a time when the opposition Congress is conducting a nationwide campaign against the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, which replaces the UPA-era Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the Government might been thinking something to expose Opposition on it through budget", a senior leader of BJP cryptically remarked.

Another key aspect to watch will be how the Modi Government addresses economic challenges in the Budget at a time when US President Donald Trump has imposed heavy tariffs on India.

According to an internal circular, the Lok Sabha has provisionally allocated three days — from February 2 to 4 for discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. There will be no Zero Hour on January 28 and February 1. At present, nine Bills are pending before the Lok Sabha, including the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025; the Securities Markets Code, 2025; and the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024.

These Bills are currently under examination by Parliamentary Standing Committees or Select Committees.

It is being expected that the Opposition, attending the all-party meeting, may once again raise the issue of insufficient time being allotted to it during parliamentary sessions.

VB-G RAM G might take centre stage during session

Discussions are likely to take place on the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, which was tabled in the Winter Session to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The Opposition is expected to articulate its position on this matter more forcefully during the meeting.

BJP'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NEW, NOISELESS, NO-NONSENSE NABIN

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & RAMASHANKAR

IN an era of politics increasingly defined by decibel levels, Nitin Nabin's rise has been marked by an altogether different quality-- restraint. At 45, the five-term MLA from Bihar's Bankipur constituency has been formally elected national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), capping a political journey rooted less in spectacle and more in sustained organisational labour. His elevation signals not just personal ascent, but the party's renewed faith in methodical leadership drawn from the grassroots.

Nabin's political apprenticeship began in the corridors of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the student wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). From there, he moved through the BJP Yuva Morcha, learning the rhythms of cadre-based politics long before occupying positions of authority. Those formative years, colleagues say, shaped a politician who listens more than he speaks, plans more than he postures.

His entry into electoral politics, however, came under poignant circumstances. In 2006, following the death of his father, Navin Kishore Prasad Sinha, a veteran BJP leader and four-time MLA from Patna West, Nitin Nabin contested the by-election from the same constituency. He won, stepping into the Bihar Assembly not merely as a political heir but as a full-time legislator. After delimitation, he shifted to Bankipur, a traditional BJP stronghold, which he has represented continuously since 2010, securing four consecutive terms.

Though his political lineage is unmistakable, Nabin has rarely leaned on it. Instead, he built credibility through legislative consistency and party work, eventually serving as a minister in the Nitish Kumar cabinet, where he handled multiple portfolios with low-profile efficiency.

That understated style extends into his personal routine. A deeply private man, Nabin begins his day with an hour-long puja, after which politics takes over without pause. He describes himself as a full-time politician, someone for whom public life is not episodic but immersive. He is known to read widely, consuming newspapers and journals with near-ritual discipline. It is a habit inherited from his father, who believed that political change flowed not from degrees but from reading, reflection and intellectual curiosity.

Within party circles, Nabin is regarded as incisive without being abrasive. He uses wit as a political instrument rather than a weapon, challenging adversaries without sliding into the personal. Measured in speech, he is also known as a patient and attentive listener, a leadership trait the BJP increasingly values.

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SOURAV ROY

While Bihar remains his political base, it was his performance outside the state that decisively altered his national profile. In 2023, the BJP entrusted Nabin with leading its campaign in the Chhattisgarh Assembly elections. At the time, the Congress government under Bhupesh Baghel appeared firmly entrenched, with most opinion and exit polls predicting a Congress return. What followed surprised many. Under Nabin's stewardship, the BJP carried out extensive organisational restructuring, focused on booth-level management and micro-coordination, and quietly recalibrated its campaign machinery. The result was a clear BJP majority. Political observers attributed the turnaround less to rhetoric and more to groundwork—precisely the kind of politics Nabin specialises in. That success now looms large as the party gears up for a historic bid for a fourth consecutive Lok Sabha victory.

His appointment as national working president last month, followed by his election as national president, has inevitably fuelled speculation back home. With Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's health often the subject of rumour, sections of the BJP see Nabin as a potential future chief ministerial face. Others suggest his trajectory may soon take him to the Rajya Sabha, with vacancies from Bihar expected in April. Such a move would trigger a by-election in Bankipur, further reshaping the state's political chessboard. For now, however, Nabin remains a member of the Bihar Assembly and is expected to participate in its proceedings from February 2.

Beyond the arithmetic of power, it is Nabin's persona that has earned trust across factions. Colleagues and detractors alike describe him as humble, accessible and unpretentious. He keeps his personal profile deliberately low, preferring to foreground organisational strength over individual acclaim. In a political culture often enamoured with firebrands, his quiet dependability has emerged as a strategic asset.

That dependability also aligns with the BJP's organisational culture, which has traditionally placed emphasis on discipline. Nabin's progression from student activist to legislator, minister, strategist and now national president has unfolded over nearly two decades within that framework. His elevation also adds to regional representation at the national level, bringing a leader from eastern India into the party's top leadership.

Nitin Nabin's political journey brings together several strands, an inherited legacy shaped by his own effort, personal belief systems balanced with administrative pragmatism, and strong regional roots aligned with national responsibilities. As he steps into the BJP's most significant organisational position, his role is expected to centre on coordination and structure-building, with a focus on decision-making, organisational systems and internal consultation.

Job generation and skilling youth top govt priority: PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday emphasised that connecting youth with skills and providing them with employment opportunities has been a top priority of the government. Addressing new recruits virtually across 45 locations during the Rozgar Mela, the PM said that the initiative was launched to place government recruitment in mission mode and has, over the years, evolved into an institution. "Through this initiative, lakh of young people have received appointment letters across various government departments," he said.

Highlighting efforts to boost employment opportunities for youth, he noted that the NDA government is entering into trade and mobility agreements with several countries, creating new avenues for the youth. Citing data, he said India has made unprecedented investments in modern infrastructure, generating large-scale employment in construction and allied sectors.

He further pointed out that India's startup ecosystem is expanding rapidly, with nearly two lakh registered startups employing over 21 lakh young people. He added that the country is also emerging as a global hub for animation, digital media and several other sectors. During the event, the PM virtually distributed appointment letters to 61,000 new recruits, the majority of them women.

Describing the appointment letters as an invitation to nation-building and a pledge to accelerate the creation of a developed India, Modi said the youth would strengthen national security, empower the education and healthcare ecosystem, and reinforce financial services and energy security, playing a vital role in the growth of public sector enterprises.

The PM, referring to India's rising stature in global markets, said growing international trust in the country is creating new opportunities for young people. "India is the only major economy in the world to have doubled its GDP in a decade, and today more than 100 countries are investing in India through foreign direct investment," he told the new recruits.

Citing data, he noted that electronics manufacturing has grown sixfold since 2014 to over ₹11 lakh crore, while electronics exports have crossed ₹4 lakh crore. He added that the automobile sector has become one of the fastest-growing industries, with two-wheeler sales crossing two crore units in 2025.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addresses the 18th Rozgar Mela| PTI

Trade & mobility agreements for better opportunities

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India votes nay on UN resolution condemning Iran crackdown

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA voted against a resolution at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) condemning Iran's crackdown on protests and extending international investigative mandates. The resolution was adopted at the Council's 39th special session with 25 votes in favour, seven against and 14 abstentions. Besides India, China, Pakistan, Indonesia and Iraq voted against the measure. European Union members led the support, joined by the UK and Iceland, along with several Latin American countries.

The resolution expressed concern over what it said were "widespread and systematic" violations following protests that began on December 28, 2025, citing reports of thousands of deaths, including children, mass arrests and injuries to civilians.

New Delhi is currently in talks with the US over an extended sanctions waiver for the Chabahar port project in Iran, which expires in April 2026.

Iran's Ambassador to India, Mohammad Fathali, welcomed New Delhi's stance. "I extend my sincere gratitude to India for its principled and firm support of Iran at the UNHRC, including opposing an unjust and politically motivated resolution," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Justice delayed is no justice: CJI

High courts need to be more proactive and alert to systemic rpt systemic failures in the rule of law, CJI Surya Kant said on Saturday while asserting that "justice delayed is not only justice denied but it is justice destroyed". He also spoke on the need for mechanisms of mediation and reconciliation.

Multiple launches in '26: ISRO chief

ISRO chairman V Narayanan on Saturday said the space agency is working on multiple satellite launches planned for 2026. Speaking to reporters, he said, "We are planning to send a lot of satellites (this year). A lot of work is going on. After meeting the Prime Minister we will announce them."

Vested groups stopping equal access to education, says Jayant Chaudhary

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

UNION Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary said there were vested interests in the education arena who did not want all sections of society to have equal access. He was responding to a question on the recent regulation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) aimed at redressing caste-based discriminations in Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) in the country.

The UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026, announced on January 13, incorporated OBCs in its provisions as well as removed the penalties proposed in its original draft for filing of false cases. This has stirred a major controversy as it is perceived as discrimination against the general category students.

Asked for his comments, the Minister told this newspaper that, "In democracy, we always have room for criticism. The government is cognisant even of criticism and will take it into account. There are always vested interests in the space of education. They don't want access and equity for everyone." Equality is the underpinning philosophy of the National Education Policy, Chaudhary added.

Top educationists, requesting anonymity, called for its rollback.

An educationist said, "Creating Mobile Equal Opportunity Squads comprising students and young professors and empowering them to carry out sudden checks inside colleges is ridiculous and create animosity. A HEI should be a place of harmony and bonding for students. Same is the idea of Equity Ambassadors inside hostels. General category students will feel left out and it will impact relationships."

Another senior educationist said, "These rules need to be withdrawn or amended immediately as they create divisions and mistrust among students."

New regulations add OBC category to the draft

The new regulations state that caste-based discrimination would mean "discrimination only on the basis of caste or tribe against the members of the SC, ST, and OBCs". The OBC category, not there in the original draft released a year ago, has been added to it. The exclusion in the rules of General Caste, has invited controversy.

Indo-Pacific above EU in new US security policy

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

AMID tensions between the United States and the European Union over Greenland, the Trump administration on Saturday released its new National Defense Strategy (NDS). It puts the Indo-Pacific and the defence of the US homeland, above Europe and the Middle East, while saying that China needs to be countered "through strength, not confrontation."

Signed by US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth, the document sets out the Pentagon's strategic priorities for the coming years, marking a return to a hierarchy-of-threats framework. It also signals a harder line on allied burden-sharing and calls for large-scale industrial mobilisation to sustain long-term competition.

The NDS comes as US President Donald Trump escalated rhetoric and actions on multiple fronts, including the capture of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro for trial in the United States, claims of Washington needing control of Greenland, and potential military strikes against Iran.

With the NATO chief saying that members must strengthen Arctic security commitments to counter growing threats from Russia and China, the NDS places China at the core of US defence planning, describing Beijing as "the most powerful state relative to the United States since the 19th century". It commits the Pentagon to building what it calls a "strong denial defense" along the First Island Chain, the arc of territory stretching from Japan through Taiwan and the Philippines.

While the document does not explicitly mention the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), it directly links US national security and economic priorities to the Indo-Pacific, noting that the region "will soon account for more than half of the global economy."

The NDS characterises Russia as a secondary, though still serious, challenge. It states, "Russia will remain a persistent but manageable threat to NATO's eastern members."

It also signals an evident relative downgrading of Europe in US military planning. The document reads, "although Europe remains important, it has a smaller and decreasing share of global economic power".

The NDS also reinforces Washington's push for increased allied defence spending. It reads that under Trump, "a new approach is in effect," citing the NATO Hague Summit, where a new benchmark of 3.5% of GDP for core military spending and an additional 1.5% for security-related spending (totalling 5% of GDP) was set.

'Seafarers from India most abandoned in '25'

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

INDIANS were the most abandoned nationality among seafarers for the second consecutive year, with 1,125 cases recorded at the end of 2025, according to the data released by the UK-headquartered International Transport Workers' Federation recently. The global union said 6,223 seafarers were abandoned across 410 vessels last year– the highest figure ever recorded.

"Every day, seafarers face horrific violations of their human and labour rights, all so that bottom-feeding companies can make a quick buck at their expense. The entire industry must come together with seafarers and their unions to say, 'Enough is enough,' and take action to end this crisis," said David Heindel, Chair of the ITF Seafarers' Section.

BIG HAUL
The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has seized gold worth ₹2.89 crore concealed in a meat grinder in a consignment couriered from Saudi Arabia at the International Courier Terminal in Mumbai.

1 BIKER KILLED BY SPEEDING SUV IN RAJ'S JAIPUR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	16	Mumbai	28	23
Bhopal	23	13	Panaji	32	21
Jaipur	17	06	Patna	24	13
Amritsar	13	06	Lucknow	22	08
Chennai	28	26	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	27	17	Imphal	23	10
Srinagar	03	-7	Chandigarh	17	08

Bengal CEO earlier said downloading, printing data was cumbersome ● Congress is far behind with 25% BLAs, while AAP has got 8%

EC meets SC SIR deadline despite software glitch

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Election Commission (EC) on Saturday evening uploaded on its website the names of people on the list of SIR logical discrepancies in West Bengal following a Supreme Court order, a poll panel official said.

The district electoral officers in the state will now download the list and display it on panchayat bhavans and block offices as directed by the court.

The Supreme Court on January 19 had directed the EC to display the names of those on the "logical discrepancies" list at gram panchayat bhavans, block offices of talukas and ward offices in West Bengal by Saturday. The court noted that 1.25 crore voters in the state figure on the "logical discrepancies" list.

However, it was not easy for the EC to meet the deadline. Earlier, booth level officers (BLOs) engaged by it for the ongoing SIR had not receive d the required software in time. The EC faced an uncertainty in complying with the SC directive to publish list of voters belonging to "logical discrepancy" and "unmapped" categories respectively on time.

"We did not get the software till Friday night. The delay will also affect the entire process. Even if reaches us at the last moment, it will be extremely difficult to download, print and display such a huge volume of data within a few hours," the sources attached with the office of the West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said.

The national poll panel on Wednesday had directed the Bengal CEO Manoj Agarwal to display the names of voters included in the list of 'logical discrepancies' and 'unmapped' respectively by 24 January at the gram panchayat bhawans, public places in every sub-division and block office of every sub-division as well as municipal wards across the state.

In its directives served to Agarwal, the Commission had also stated, "The persons, figuring in these two categories ('Logical Discrepancies and 'unmapped') are permitted to submit their documents/objections through their authorized representative, who can even be a Booth Level Agent (BLA). There shall be an authority letter, by the person, in favour of such representative, whether signed or thumb-market."

"The affected person can submit objections at the designated panchayat Bhawan or block office or ward office. Further, upto ten days from displaying the names of the persons in the panchayat bhawans/block offices/ward offices," the national poll panel had said in its order.

Abhishek Banerjee, national general secretary of the Trinamool Congress and party MP, while holding a virtual conference with BLA-2, MPs, MLAs, leaders and workers of the party, alleged that the SIR process is inhuman. Abhishek said 126 people have died in the state because of the SIR.

Names to be displayed

The national poll panel on Wednesday had directed the Bengal CEO Manoj Agarwal to display the names of voters included in the list of 'logical discrepancies' and 'unmapped' respectively by January 24 at the gram panchayat bhawans, public places in every sub-division and block office of every sub-division. as well as municipal wards.

67% of Gujarat booth level agents from BJP

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

RTI data has cracked open the booth-level machinery of Gujarat's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, revealing a stark political imbalance in booth-level agent deployment, raising uncomfortable questions about coverage, access, and who really held the voter's hand when time, awareness, and migration were stacked against the poorest.

When SIR was rolled out, political parties were not meant to be bystanders; they were formally drafted in as partners. The guidelines were unambiguous: election officials had to coordinate with parties at every stage, hold periodic meetings, and ensure that no voter slipped through the cracks. That responsibility, on the ground, translated into booth-level agents (BLAs), the political system's frontline link to voters. But RTI data now shows that this "partnership" was anything but equal.

Out of a total of 73,169 BLAs appointed across Gujarat, 49,168 belonged to BJP – nearly two-thirds of the entire force.

The Indian National Congress followed far behind with 18,057 BLAs, while the Aam Aadmi Party managed 5,893. Then the numbers fall off a cliff: the Bahujan Samaj Party had just 49, CPI(M) only 25, and the National People's Party none at all.

These figures don't merely describe participation; they define influence because in an SIR conducted under severe pressure, numbers on paper quickly turn into power on the ground. For many, the SIR wasn't a civic exercise; it was an administrative maze.

In the vacuum of awareness and availability, the role of the Booth Level Officer (BLO) alone was never going to be enough. This is precisely where BLAs were meant to step in to guide, to inform, and to ensure inclusion. But when one party floods the field with agents and others barely show up, the neutrality of that assistance becomes a legitimate concern.

Row as recipient of Padma Shri omitted from list

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A political row has erupted in Gujarat over the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls after Form No. 7 was allegedly misused to seek the deletion of the voter ID of noted Gujarati comedian Shahabuddin Rathod, a recipient of the Padma Shri award.

"Someone has filled Form No. 7 to remove my name from the voter list," Rathod said, adding, "I have spoken to the Mamlatdar about this."

The Mamlatdar has assured Rathod that his name would not be deleted merely because someone else submitted a Form No. 7. "Even if someone fills the form in my name, my voter registration cannot be cancelled without proper verification," Rathod says he was told.

However, the incident has been met with sharp criticism from the Congress, which has accused the authorities concerned of manipulating the SIR process to selectively remove certain voters' names.

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Raje's couplet sparks return buzz

She may be out of power but Vasundhara Raje knows how to make headlines. This week on Thursday, at the launch of her son-MP Dushyant Singh's three-day public outreach march, the former Chief Minister recited a striking couplet: "I kept walking throughout my life with blessings... blisters on my feet could never stop me." Raje recalled her days as an MP when she undertook long marches, bursting blisters on her feet with a pin to keep going. Her show of grit comes weeks after the BJP suffered a defeat in the Anta assembly by-election, a seat long considered her stronghold. Political chatter is already back: will Raje make a comeback?

Barmer rally heats up Cong factional politics

A recent rally in Dhorimanna over the Barmer-Balotra district demarcation has turned into a hotbed of Congress factionalism. The rally drew State Congress President Govind Singh Dotasra, LoP Tikaram Jully, former DCM Sachin Pilot, Hemaram Choudhary, Harish Choudhary, and MP Ummedaram Beniwal. But local leaders from the Gehlot camp like ex-minister Amin Khan and former MLA Mewaram Jain stayed away. Hemaram Choudhary, a staunch Pilot loyalist and Gehlot critic, staged a sit-in protest during the event. But after the rally, Dotasra and Jully met with Mewaram Jain, Amin Khan, and other party workers.

Wangchuk continues guidance from Raj jail

The government may consider activist/ scientist Sonam Wangchuk a potential threat to national security. But he continues to serve through his inventions and knowledge—even from behind bars. Over the past four months as he stays in Jodhpur jail, Wangchuk has been working on an innovation aimed at keeping the jail barracks cool during the scorching summer months. Interestingly, even the jail staff have sought parenting tips from him, according to his wife Geetanjali Angmo who frequently visits him. Wangchuk was arrested under the National Security Act (NSA) for participating in a protest demanding statehood for Ladakh.

Blast in Punjab derails goods train, driver hurt

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A minor blast blew off a portion of the railway track near the Sirhind station in Punjab's Fatehgarh Sahib district around 9.50 pm on Friday, injuring the loco pilot of a freight train, the engine of which sustained some damage.

At the time of the incident, the freight train was passing through Khanpur village, located around five kilometres away from the Sirhind station. It was a dedicated track for freight trains.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Ropar Range) Nanak Singh, who visited the site, said, "The police was informed last night about a minor blast. There was no major damage to the railway track, and it will soon be restored for train movement. There was no loss of life or major loss of property either." He added, "Several investigation teams have reached the spot. There's inter-agency coordination. We are also in touch with other agencies, which have sent their specialised teams."

Sharing an update on the injured loco pilot's health, Singh said, "The loco pilot sustained a minor cut on his cheek. He is out of danger now."

Shah asks UP voters to say no to caste, dynasty politics

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

SETTING the tone for party's campaign for UP Assembly election schedule next year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday called upon the people to vote for the ruling BJP while slamming the Congress, Samajwadi Party (SP), and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) for "dynastic politics," here on Saturday.

"People should rise above caste divisions, completely reject dynastic parties and once again make the lotus of the BJP bloom," said the Home Minister. Shah, who arrived in the state capital to participate as the chief guest at the inauguration of the three-day event marking Uttar Pradesh's 77th foundation day, said: "UP was known as a BIMARU state before 2017. Everything changed after 2017 when the BJP formed its government. Uttar Pradesh, country's heart, is now its growth engine and a revenue surplus state."

Launching a tirade at previous state governments for allegedly keeping the state with BIMARU tag, Shah credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath's governments at the Centre and the state, respectively, for the turnaround during the last seven years. "All this has been possible due to the double-engine government. This has been possible due to the improved law and order," he said.

Shah appealed the people of Uttar Pradesh to vote for the BJP in 2027 Assembly polls to ensure that the party returned to power with a full majority for a third consecutive time.

"I have come here to issue an appeal to you [voters] on the occasion of the foundation day of UP to vote for the BJP in the 2027 Assembly polls. For the development of Uttar Pradesh, the future of the youth and the security of the country, it is necessary to form the BJP government once again with a full and overwhelming majority," he said. "These dynastic parties -- Congress, Samajwadi Party or Bahujan Samaj Party-- cannot ensure the state's welfare. Welfare can be ensured only by the BJP," he said.

The Home Minister said Uttar Pradesh had always safeguarded the nation. Recalling 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2022, he said the people of Uttar Pradesh supported the BJP, and the next year would be an election year in which the state would once again have to take a decision to move in the right direction.

Amit Shah, CM Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak at the 'Uttar Pradesh Diwas' in Lucknow on Saturday | PTI

Alliance with RJD hurt party in polls, Cong MLAs tell Kharge in review meet

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

DIFFERENCES have erupted within Congress over whether to continue its political alliance with Lalu Prasad-led RJD or go it alone in Bihar. The issue was raised during a high-level meeting held at the residence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi on Friday. Kharge reportedly sought the opinion of the office-bearers and MLAs from Bihar on the issue.

While all the six MLAs replied in negative as they believed that contesting elections with RJD had damaged the party's image and resulted in fewer seat, some office-bearers, however, advocated for a political alliance with RJD.

Sources said that Akhilesh Prasad Singh was in favour of continuation of alliance. Singh, a Rajya Sabha member, is considered close to RJD chief Lalu Prasad. Congress had contested 61 seats as part of the Opposition Mahagathbandhan alliance in Bihar assembly elections. RJD, the largest constituent, had contested 143 seats but won only 25. On the other hand, ruling National NDA, led by BJP and JD(U) won 202 seats.

All the six MLAs—Surendra Prasad, Abhishek Ranjan, Manoj Bishwas, Abidur Rahman, Qamrul Hoda, and Manohar Prasad Singh were summoned to Delhi amid a buzz over defection within the party. After the meeting, Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal said, "There were rumours that all our MLAs from Bihar are deserting the party. But all of them were at the Delhi meeting."

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi was also present at the meeting. Rumours about MLAs defection spread after they skipped a feast by the party.

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K C Venugopal, Cong Gen Secy

Big buzz

Rumours about MLAs defection spread after they skipped a feast by the party at Sadaquat Ashrma ahead of Makar Sankranti festival.

Tricolour to debut in 54 C'garh villages on R-Day

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

WITH improved security situations across the Maoist-hit Bastar region in south Chhattisgarh, as many as 54 remote villages will hoist Tricolour for the first time to celebrate the 77th Republic Day with pride and patriotism.

The celebrations, according to the Bastar police, will mark a historic milestone in reconnecting remote areas with the constitutional and democratic spirit of the nation. Of these 54 locations, 13 villages have earlier observed Independence Day on August 15, 2025.

"The Tricolour will be hoisted in 54 faraway locations for the first time on the occasion of Republic Day celebration this year—17 in Bijapur, 25 in Narayanpur and 12 in Sukma. The first-ever Republic Day celebrations in these villages symbolise the victory of the Constitution and the rule of law. Bastar Range Police remains committed to maintaining security, strengthening public trust, and working closely with the people to ensure lasting peace and inclusive development in the region", Sundarraj Pattilingam, Bastar Range inspector general of police told this newspaper, and he further added that the new operational base camps near these villages have helped restore confidence among the locals and ensured the reach of governance to the grassroots.

The tribal villagers who were earlier a bit skeptical when new security camps came up in their area, now commend the forces of the new camps for acting as an agent of change. The villagers in these distantly located areas are seen enthusiastically preparing for the Republic Day celebration, the Bastar police said. Earlier, the inhabitants of the worst Maoist-affected villages claimed that celebrating national festivals like Republic Day or Independence Day were beyond the bounds of possibility. "There used to be a strange and frightening silence on every Republic Day in our villages. Now we will join the jawans and others to celebrate the occasion," said Sukhman Dev, a resident of Ullur.

The Maoist guerrillas after over four decades of waging war on the state and security forces had lost ground and their influence has substantially declined in recent years. With sharp decline in Maoist-related violence and reduction of left-wing extremist affected districts, now Sukma, Bijapur and Narayanpur are categorised as most affected.

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Sundarraj Pattilingam, Bastar Range inspector general of police

Indian-origin man arrested in US for shooting dead wife, three relatives

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A man of Indian origin identified as Vijay Kumar, 51, was arrested in the United States on charges of shooting his wife and three relatives in a residence in Georgia purportedly due to a family dispute.

In a post on X, the Gwinnett County Police said Kumar was taken into custody a short distance from the Lawrenceville residence where the shooting occurred on Friday. The victims have been identified as Meenu Dogra, Kumar's wife, and three others — Gourav Cumar (33), Nidhi Chander (37) and Harish Chander (38).

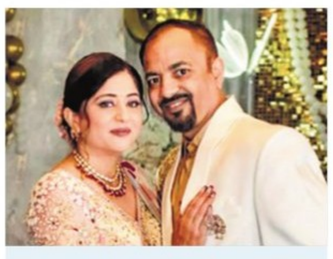
According to police, the investigation revealed that an argument broke out between Dogra and Kumar at their home in Atlanta. The couple then travelled with their 12-year-old child to a residence on Brook Ivy Court in Lawrenceville. Gourav Cumar, Nidhi Chander and Harish Chander lived at the Brook Ivy Court home along with two children aged seven and 10.

After the incident, the 12-year-old child called 911. Police said it is not yet known what the argument was about, why the family went to the Brook Ivy Court residence, or what led to the shooting.

Kumar has been charged with four counts of aggravated assault, four counts of felony murder, four counts of malice murder, one count of first-degree cruelty to children, and two counts of third-degree cruelty to children, the statement added.

Meanwhile, the Consulate General of India in Atlanta expressed grief over the incident, confirming that the alleged shooter had been arrested.

"We are deeply grieved by a tragic shooting incident linked to an alleged family dispute, in which an Indian national was among the victims. The alleged shooter has been arrested, and all possible assistance is being extended to the bereaved family," the consulate said in a post on X (formerly Twitter).



DOMESTIC TIFF

1. Kumar has been charged with four counts of aggravated assault, four counts of felony murder, etc
2. The Consulate General of India in Atlanta expressed grief over the incident

DOCUMENT LOST

I, Praveen Kumar Singh, affirm that the following documents (1) Original Sale Deed dated 17/08/1994 registered as Document No.4483/1994-95, Book-I, Volume No.5190, at pages 216 to 220 in the office of sub-registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, (2) Khata Certificate bearing No.DA/N-100/GL1435/2004-05 issued by Assistant Revenue Officer, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and Khata Extract has been lost/misplaced. Any person/s finding the said documents is requested to return the same to me at the following address:

PRAVEEN KUMAR SINGH
No.20, Doddappaiah Layout,
RMV II Stage, Nagasettihalli,
Bengaluru – 560 094

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client/s are intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to (i) Smt.H P Yashoda, Wife of late R Narayana, Aged about 62 years, (ii) Smt.Ranjana N, Daughter of late R Narayana, Aged about 39 years and (iii) Smt.Meghana N, Daughter of late R Narayana, Aged about 36 years, all are residing at No.20/41, Second Cross, K V Layout, Near Bharat Gas, Jayanagar Fourth Block East, Bangalore – 560 011;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 (ten) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire property bearing Municipal No.427-14 (earlier portions bearing Municipal Nos.427/14 and 427/14/2, still earlier southern portion of CITB site bearing No.427), situated at Forty First 'A' Cross Road (Forty First Cross Road), Fifth Block Jayanagar, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:179-Shakambarinagar (old Ward No.58), PID No.58-125-14, EPID No.3134156882, together with 4,400 Sq.ft of structures standing thereon and bounded on the:

East by : Ninth Main Road;
West by : Site bearing CITB No.426;
North by : Northern portion of composite property belonging to Dr.K Ananda;
South by: Forty First 'A' Cross Road (Forty First Cross Road);
MEASURING:
East to West : 44 ft.;
North to South : 40 ft.;
In all admeasuring 1,760 sq.ft.;

N S RACHANA, N C JANARDHAN
ADVOCATES
RACHANA LAW ASSOCIATES
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980,
17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810 / 9886284325
Dt :24-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the **Bank of Baroda,** Padmanabhanagar Branch intends to accept the under mentioned property standing in the name of Sri. Balaji. V, S/o late. Venkatesh P, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and acquired through registered Release Deed which is registered as Document No. BMH-1-07651-2025-26 Book -1, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bommanahalli Bangalore as a security for a loan / credit facility requested by one of its customers.

In case anyone has got any right / title / interest / claims over the under mentioned property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate their claim.

If no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free of any charge / claim / encumbrance and Bank shall proceed with the mortgage.

DETAILS OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the commercial property bearing E-Swathu Khatha No 58/1A1A & E-PID No 7209963509 formed in property No 58/1 situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West: 269 feet, and North to South: 60 feet admeasuring 16,140 square feet within the limits of BBMP Singasandra Ward No. 191, and bounded on: East by: Hosur Main Road; West by : Umadavi.S. Property North by: Schedule-A Property i.e., Remaining portion of same property, South by: Remaining portion of the same survey number

Smt. SUNANDA S RATHOD, Advocate office at No.8, offices No 317, Prabhath complex, 1st floor, Bangalore -560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. N. Vikram,** S/o. Late. C. Nagaraj, No.861, 4th D Cross, NGO's Colony, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru-79, has entered into Sale Agreement with **Sri. Arunachalam. R,** S/o. Late Ramaswamy & **Smt. Packiyalakshmi,** W/o. Arunachalam. R, No.51, 3rd Cross, 9th 'A' Main, Mariyappana Palya, K.P. Agrahara, Bengaluru-23, to purchase schedule property.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim over schedule property, may contact the undersigned with all relevant papers/title deeds and submit their objections in writing, within **ten days**, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property Municipal No.17/2-1, Old No.17/2, EPID No.5712970299, 18th Cross, Mariyappanapalya, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore, measuring 15 ft x 58 ft, bounded on East by Kempamma's Property, West by western portion of property No.17/2, North by Mori & South by Road.

Dated 23rd January 2026 at Bengaluru.

S. Ramesh Kumar, Advocate
231, I Floor, S.C. Road,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-9.
Mobile: 9845359588

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
and
In the matter of M/s. Maxworth Orchards (India) Limited
(in Provisional Liquidation)
Company Application Nos.376, 659 & 660 of 2023
and Company Application Nos.214 to 217 of 2014
in
Company Application No.310 of 2025
in
Company Petition No. 57 of 1998

1.The Official Liquidator,
High Court, Madras as Provisional Liquidator of
Maxworth Orchards (India) Limited, (In Provisional Liquidation)
Corporate Bhavan, 2nd Floor, No. 29, Rajaji Salai, Chennai – 600 001
2.Mrs Nagasaila Suresh, Administrator
Maxworth Orchards (India) Ltd (in Prov. Liqn)
Old No.38/1, New No.14/1, Akbarabad 2nd Street,
Kodambakkam, Chennai-600024. **... Applicants**

-Vs-

Mr.Y.P.Sudanva Reddy **(Respondent No.2)**
S/o.K.G.Yellappa Reddy
R/o. No.109, Doddathogur Gate, Electronic City, Bangalore – 560 100.
...Respondent

NOTICE

Take notice that the above Company Application has been filed against the above Respondent pursuant to Section 460(4) of the Companies Act, 1956. Respondent No. 2 is hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras on **18.02.2026** at **10.30 A.M.** in person without fail.

Given under my hand and seal of Office of the Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras.

DATED AT CHENNAI THIS THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

-Sd-
POLA RAGHUNATH, ICLS
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **Smt.PUSHPA.S.R** W/o Late.N.Shivashankar and her son **Sri.S.REVANTH,** both residing at: No.Q-95, Siddanna Lane, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru – 560002.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.29, PID No.47-139-29, New E.PID No.8376919028, measuring East to West 40ft and North to South 36ft, together with a building thereon, situated at Siddanna Lane, Cubbonpet, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property of R.Chikkananjappa
West by : Siddanna Lane
North by : Property of B.S.Ramanna
South by : Conservancy

Sd/- GOUTAM CHAND S.F
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that, my client is negotiating the terms of purchase of the schedule property with its owners, **H.K.SUBBAIAH, S/o Late. H S Krishnappa,** Aged about 91 years, Residing at: No.812, 5th Main, 6th Cross, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560040,

Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the schedule property stated below may lodge their objection in writing with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence for such claim within **7 days** from this date. Person/s having filed any case/s in respect of the schedule property are also informed to lodge their objections with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site and building bearing No:812, BBMP Ward No.105, Agrahara Dasarahalli, 6th Cross MRCR, EPID No:6757090960, situated in Magadi Road Chord Road Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60.00 feet or 18.29 meters North to South 40.00 feet or 12.19 meters, in all measuring 222.97 square meters or 2400 square feet, together with the existing building measuring 222.967296 square meters or 2399.998 square feet, consisting of Ground and First Floor and all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and bounded on: **East by :** Road **West by:** Site No.793, **North by :** Site No.811 **South by :** Site No.813

D.H. MOKHASHI & ASSOCIATES,
Advocate,
Jaya Shanthi Nele, No.831, 1st E Main Road, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Girinagar, II stage, Bangalore-560 085.
Ph: 080-26720175, Mobile: 98454-98591
Date: 25.01.2026 Place : Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT CHENNAI

O.A. No. 577 of 2025

Axis Bank Ltd. Chennai RAC No. 6A, 2nd Floor, Centennial Square, Dr. Ambedkar Rd, Kodambakkam, Opposite to Hotel Brown Star, Chennai - 600 024 Represented by its Authorised Signatory. ... Applicant

Versus

Adarsh Sasi, S/o.Sasi Nanappan, 44083, Wing 44, Shoba Dream Acres Phase 2, Panathur Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 087. & 2 others. ... Defendant

To
1st Defendant: **Adarsh Sasi**
S/o.Sasi Nanappan, 44083, Wing 44, Shoba Dream Acres Phase 2, Panathur Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 087.
2nd Defendant: **Sriya Raj**
W/o. Adarsh Sasi 44083, Wing 44, Shoba Dream Acres Phase 2, Panathur Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 087.

In the above-mentioned matter the Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal - II at Chennai, has ordered Notice to the Defendant 1 & 2 by way of publication returnable on **09/03/2026.**

You are hereby requested to enter your appearance in either in person or through advocate before the said Tribunal on **09/03/2026 at 11.15 am** and state your objection if any failing which the above Application will be heard in your absence and suitable orders passed.

KVP. Deepak Raj
Counsel for the Applicant Bank

WESTERN RAILWAY

STORES DEPARTMENT

E- AUCTION SALE DURING FEB 2026
FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in **FEB 2026** as per program given below:

First Round	Second Round	Depot / Division	Officer in Charge	Contact No.
03/02/2026	16/02/2026	RATLAM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RATLAM	07412230080 09752492750
04/02/2026	17/02/2026	VADODARA	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-VADODARA	02652641592 09724091750
05/02/2026	18/02/2026	PRATAPNAGAR	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-PRATAPNAGAR	02652658858 09724093750
06/02/2026	20/02/2026	SABARMATI	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-SABARMATI	02812476943 09724094770
06/02/2026	23/02/2026	DAHOD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DAHOD	02673241295 09724090455
09/02/2026	24/02/2026	MUMBAI CENTRAL	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager- MUMBAI CENTRAL	022-23094142 09004499006
09/02/2026	25/02/2026	AHMEDABAD	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-AHMEDABAD	07922205888 09724093750
10/02/2026	26/02/2026	RAJKOT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RAJKOT	02812476943 09724094770
11/02/2026	27/02/2026	BHAVNAGAR	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BHAVNAGAR	02782444360 09724097750
17/02/2026	27/02/2026	MAHALAXMI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-MAHALAXMI	022-24929571 09004495750
17/02/2026	27/02/2026	PARDI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-MAHALAXMI	022-24929571 09004495750

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. **Note :- 1)** Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. **2)** e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. **3)** e-Auction catalogues will be available on site **www.ireps.gov.in** e-Auction portal. **4)** In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures, Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. **5)** All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway. **(No.S/SIII/Auction Programme-1/FEB 2026, Dated 07.01.2026).** 1050

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UNION BANK OF INDIA

(AGovernment of India Undertaking)

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the dates mentioned below for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits are also mentioned hereunder.

Union Bank of India, Doddakanahalli Branch
Shivus Plaza, Sarjapura Main Road,
Bengaluru- 560035Phone: 6901865159 ,
E-Mail Id: ubin0819921@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Sri.Gopal Lal Bajiya, Address 1: No.16/2, 3rd cross, Near Sai Baba Temple, Nandini Layout, Kanteerava Nagar, Bangalore-560096, **Address 2:** Ward No. 05, Bajiyan Ki Dhani, Nehru Nagar, Hudil, Didwana Kuchaman, Nagaur- 341509 (Rajasthan). **2. Kani Devi, Address 1:** No.16/2, 3rd cross, Near Sai Baba Temple, Nandini Layout, Kanteerava Nagar,Bangalore-560096, **Address 2:** Ward No. 05, Bajiyan Ki Dhani, Nehru Nagar, Hudil, Didwana Kuchaman, Nagaur- 341509 (Rajasthan).
Amount Due : Rs.2,32,93,565.17 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Two Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Five Paise Seventeen only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest from 01-01-2026, cost and expenses
Description of the Secured Assets: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.7/12C, (Old House List Khatha No. 106/B) situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Limits of Ward No.25, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South : 80 Feet in all measuring 4,000 Sqft and bounded as follows: East by : Road and others Property, West by : Patel Shamanna Property, North by : Y Munirajappa Property, South by :Patel Shamanna Property.

Reserve Price:Rs.2,38,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Only)
EMD: Rs.23,80,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Thousand only).

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Sarjapur Road Branch, **Contact No: 6901865159**

Union Bank of India, Nrupathunga Road Branch
#14/3, Nripathunga Road, Rashtrothana Parishad Building, Bengaluru
E-mail: ubin0901750@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor: 1 . Mrs. Gowramma W/o Late Shri R. Gundahanumaiah, R/o No 119, Hejjala village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagra Taluk, Bangalore-562109, Legal Heirs of applicant Late Mr. R Gundahanumaiah, **2.Mr. Dhananjaya**, S/o Shri R Gundahanumaiah, R/o No.119, Hejjala village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagra Taluk, Bangalore-562109, **3.Ms Lata** D/o Shri R Gunda hanumaiah, R/o No 119, Hejjala village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagra Taluk, Bangalore-562109
Amount Due :Rs. 7,71,275.88/- (Rupees Seven LakhsSeventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Paise Eighty Eight only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of the Secured Assets:
All that piece and parcel of Residential property bering No. 119, Hejjala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramangara Taluk Bangalore District - 562 109, extent of site 1400 sqft owned by Late Mr. R. Gundahanumaiah : East Road, North : Road, West : Neighbour's house, South : Neighbour's house.

Reserve Price:Rs.70,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Only)
EMD: Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh 0only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Nrupathunga Road Branch, **Contact No: 9324801752**

Union Bank of India, Varthur Branch
No.64 65, Dharmaraya Swamy Temple Road,Muthasandra Main Road,
Varthur, Bangalore-560087, Email: ubin0824879@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. Mrs. Saritha S., W/o Mr. A Suresh, No. 10, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Masjid Road , Adugodi Post, Bangalore, Dist: Bangalore - 560 030. Karnataka- India. **2. Mr. A Suresh (deceased),** Represeted by all legal Heirs S/o. Late Andi, No. 10, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Masjid Road , Adugodi Post, Bangalore, Dist: Bangalore - 560 030. Karnataka- India.
Amount Due :Rs.41,09,365.91 (Rupees Forty One Lakh Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Ninety One only) As on 31.12.2025 with further interest from 01.12.2025, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Residential Northern portion of Vacant Site bearing No 10, Comprised in No. 34/6-A and 29/4A, Situated 2nd Main Vinayaka Nagar, Ward No. 117 measuring East to West : 23+24/2 feet and North to South 10 ft in all measuring 235 sq.ft. together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belonging to Saritha S., North by : Property belonging to B. Nanjappa, South by : Remaining portion of the same property belongs to Smt. Shakuntalamma.

Reserve Price :Rs.98,41,000/-
(Rupees Ninety Eighty Lakhs Forty One Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.9,84,100/-
(Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Varthur Branch, **Contact No: 8985329478**

Union Bank of India, St Johns Church Road Branch,
No 13, ICON Building, Cleveland Town Bangalore 560005
Email :UBIN0558923@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. Mr. Sumit Raj, Flat No B-101, Block B,Concorde Spring Meadows Hesarghatta Main Road Bangalore 560057, **2.Mrs. Smrity Kumari,** Flat No B-101, Block B, Concorde Spring Meadows, Hesarghatta Main Road Bangalore 560057.
Amount Due : Rs.62,22,788.61 (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight and Paise Sixty One only) As on 20.01.2026 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Residential Apartment bearing NO B-101 in First Floor of Block B at Concorde Spring Meadows having carpet area of 801.00 sqft, balcony area of 43.00 sqft, Super builtup area 1199.00 sqft and Undivided share of 393.33 sqft along with one covered car parking area bearing No 164 constructed on land bearing Sy No 5/1C measuring 1 Acre and Sy No 7 measuring 2 Acre 19 Guntas situated at Chikkasandra Village Yeshwanthpur Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, Boundaries of the Flat: East by : Staircase and Corridor, West By : Open space and Road, South By : Open Space, NORTH BY: Apartment No. B 102.

Reserve Price:Rs.71,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Only)
EMD: Rs.7,10, 000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ten Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
St. Johns Church Road Branch, **Contact No: 6282738283**

Union Bank of India, Munnekollala Branch,
No.90, 6th Cross, Near Last Bus Stop Munnekollal, Marathahalli Post,
Bengaluru - 560 037. Email: ubin0819522@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. 1(a) Mr. Syed Manzoor Ahmad, S/o Syed Ashraf, # No 17, Noha Street, HKP Road Shivaji Nagar Bangalore-560051, **1(b) Mrs. Nazeena** W/o Mr.Syed Manzoor Ahmed, No 17, Noha Street, HKP Road, Shivaji Nagar Bangalore 560051.
Amount Due : Rs.42,02,543 (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three only) As on 20.01.2026 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Residential property Municipal No 4/1 PID No 96-145/4/1 Flat No S-3, Al khair Residency, Second Floor (3BHK) 15th Cross Road, Kanakanagara Hebbala, Nagawara, Bangalore measuring East to West: 20-0 Feet and North to South : 80-0 Feet, Totally measuring 1600 Sq ft and bounded as follows: East by : Property bearing Municipal No 4 ,West by : Property bearing Site No. 3, North by : 30 Ft wide Road, South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price:Rs.67,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Only)
EMD: Rs.6,70,000/-
(Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand only).

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Munnekollala Branch, **Contact No: 9441028222**

Union Bank of India, Wilson Garden Branch
13th Cross, 10th Main, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027
Mail ID :ubin0814920@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mrs. Tara, W/o. M. Krishna, No. 22, 2nd Cross, Anepalya, Vannarpet, Neelasandra, Bangalore - 560 047, Mob : 9972681707. **Alternate Address :** Flat No .BC-01, First Floor, 1st Cross, Anisha Meadows Apartment, BBMP Ward No. 68, 80 Feet Road, Venkata Reddy Layout, Ejipura, Bangalore 560 095.
Amount Due : Rs.99,10,602.24 (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakhs Eighty Ten Thousand Six Hundred Two Paise Forty Twenty Four only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of the Secured Assets:
Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site Nos. 5 & 6, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 5-6/5/1, carved out of erstwhile Sy. No. 13, situated at Venkata Reddy Layout, Ejipura Village, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 4800 sq. feet and bounded on : East by : Property belonging to Mr. Kiran Kumar, West by ; Property bearing No. 3 and 4 belonging to Smt. B. V. Lakshmidevi and others, North by : Private Property , South by : Road.
Schedule B: 700 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Scheudle 'A" Property.
Schedule C : All that piece and parcel of residential Flat bearing No. BC-1, PID No. 68-19-5-6/5-1/3, situated on the First Floor in the residential apartment complex known as ANISHA MEADOWS constructed in the Schedule 'A' property, having a super built up area of 2340 square feet, consisting of four bedrooms, together with RCC roofing, Marble flooring and Honne wood, along with one car parking space, including proportionate share in common area such as Passages, Lifts, Lobbies, Staircase, Present BBMP ward No. 68, New Municipal No. 5/6/5-1/3 of 80 feet Road, Venkata Reddy Layout, Bangalore.

Reserve Price:Rs.3,11,00,000/-
(Rupees Three Crore Eleven Lakhs Only)
EMD: Rs.31,10,000/-
(RupeesThirty One Lakhs Ten Thousand only).

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Wilson Garden Branch, **Contact No: 9321414921**

Date and Time of E-auction 27.02.2026 (12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for Submission of EMD : On or before commencement of e-auction E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com and http://www.unionbankof india.co.in**
The online E- auction will be held through website:https://baanknet.com
Date: 16.01.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

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(AGovernment of India Undertaking)

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the dates mentioned below for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits are also mentioned hereunder.

Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch
No.21, Ulsoor Road, Opp: Telephone Exchange, Bengaluru-560042
Mail ID-: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mr. C S Devaraj S/O Mr. C R Sathya Devan,BT 26 IttinaNeela Apartments Near Gold Cons Club, AndapuraElectronics City Bangalore-560100, **Guarantor : 2. Mrs.Biji Devraj** S/O Mr. C S Devaraj ,BT 26 Ittina Neela Apartments Near Gold Cons Club, AndapuraElectronics City Bangalore-560100
Amount Due : Rs. 14,81,400/-(Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Schedule-A:
All the piece and parcel of properties bearing (1) Sy No 5/3 measuring 2 acres 27 Guntas of land (2) Sy no 46 measuring 2 acres of land (3) sy no 47, Measuring 2 acres of Land and 4(4) Sy no 48 measuring 2 acres of land totally 8 acres 27 Guntas of Land Excluding Kharab, Situated at Andhapura Village, Attiblehobli, Anakal Taluk, Bangalore District Converted for Non agricultural Residential Purpose through the Conversion order bearing no BDS/ALN/SR9A) 66/2001-2002 dtd 26.02.2003 and bonded on : East by: Property bearing nos 46 & 5/4,West By: Property bearing SY nos 49 & 5/1,North By: Property bearing Sy nos 52,5/4 & 5/5, South By: Property bearing Sy no 45
Schedule B: (property Subject to IttinaNeela Apartments)
All that Residential Apartment Bearing No BT-26 in Third Floor in Block 'B' of 'ITTINA NEELA' built in schedule property and measuring 1000 sq feet super Built area together with proportionate share in common area ,passage, lobbies, Staircase and other areas together with 300 sq feet undivided share ,right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in Schedule A property and a covered Car parking in the basement . East by: Site no 67A,West by: Site No 69 A, North by: Site No 76A, South by : Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.23,37,075/-
(Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Five only)
EMD: Rs.2,33,707.05
(Rupees Two Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven & Paise Five only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Ulsoor Road Branch, **Contact No: 9008555435**

Union Bank of India, Haines Road Branch
Address at : No.1, Elegant Dizer, Pulikeshi Nagar, Coles Road, Frazer Town,
Bengaluru-560005, Mail ID : ubin0545775@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. Mrs.Tarannum, No.32,2ndFloor,Veeranna Garden,Moore Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. **2.Syed Ibrahim,** No.32, 2ndFloor, Veeranna Garden, Moore Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005.
Amount Due : Rs. 35,27,647.18 (RupeesThirty Five Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Paise Eighteen only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Flat Located on 2 nd Floor, With Super Built Up Area of 500sqft Built on Property Bearing BBMP (Bangalore Mahanagara Palike) No.32, PID No.91-46-32 situated on Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05 and bounded are as under: East By : Common Passage 4ft Wide Leading to Street,West By: Private property no.32/1 Veeranna Garden, North By: Private property, Sout By: Private property.

Reserve Price:Rs.22,50,000/-
(Rupees Twenty -Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.2,25,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only)

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.ABEL R Construction, No.15,Old No.27,Yathiraju Naidu Road, D.H. Halli, Bangalore 560005. **Represented by its Proprietor: 2.Abel.R** S/o.Robert **3. Theresa** (Guarantor) W/o.Robert, Both Are Residing At :No.685/5,New No.104, Tannery Road,D.J Halli, Bangalore.
Amount Due : Rs. 35,91,084.46 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Ninety One Thousand Eighty Four Paise Forty Sixonly) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets:
Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential house property stilt, ground, two upper floors and terrace floor, RCC building with all amenities constructed on the BBMP municipal site bearing No.685/1,New No.104,A.K.Colony,4th Cross, Tannery Road, Devarajeevanahalli, Bangalore measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 48 feet and bounded on :East by: Property No.285, West by: Common Passage, North by: Passage and thereafter property New No.107, South by: Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.63,90,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand only)
EMD: Rs.6,39,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Haines Road Branch, **Contact No: 9542222724**

Union Bank of India, Kasavanahalli Branch
D.No. 9/1 A, SVR Mansion, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore 560035,
Mail ID: ubin0822183@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Chandan Singh, Permanent address:# No. 52, 3rd main road, Singapura layout, Vidyaraanyapura post, Near super market, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560097, **Property address:**# Flat No.103, 1st floor, Tejiyh Elegant, Seegehalli village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East, Karnataka-560049
Amount Due :Rs. 79,70,617/-(Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of Residential 2 BHK apartment flat No. 103, situated onthe first floor, in the multistoried apartment building known as "Tejith Elegant" measuring super built up area 1220 sqft (Undivided share of 447.60 sq ft) including of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircase and all other areas of common use along with one car parking and bounded on:East by : Open to Sky, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No 102, South by : Flat No 104 .

Reserve Price:Rs.59,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Only)
EMD: Rs.5,90,000/-
(Rupees Five Lakh Ninety Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Kasavanahalli Branch, **Contact No: 9740613435**

Union Bank of India, Branch - Bangalore PBS Koramangala
Survey Of India Comp, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore, Kar- 560034
Mail ID- ubin0551546@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
Mr. M Venkataswamy Reddy, 17,3rd Main Kumaravyasa Road, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050.
Amount Due :Rs. 27,32,571/- (RupeesTwenty Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property in the name of Venkataswamy Reddy situated at Sarakki Village, UttarahaltiHobli, Bangalore South Taluk Earlier Bommanahalli CMC, Presently BBMP at Apartment No.5 of 2nd Floor with proportionate undivided interest in property No.1, H.L No 8/1 Katha no.1124 with a super built area of 400 sq ft with 129 sq ft proportionate undivided share of right, title & interest in the composite land measuring East to West -(23+20)/2ft & North to South 36 ft in all admeasuring 774 Sqft& Bounded on the:East by:- Property No.2, West by:- Road, North by:- Road, South by:- Remaining portion of the same property.

Reserve Price:Rs.23,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty-Three Lakh only)
EMD: Rs.2,30,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Bangalore PBS Koramangala Branch, **Contact No: 9137012520**

Union Bank of India, Club Road Koramangala Branch
No. 83, 17 D Main, 6th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560095
Mail ID : ubin0906204@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
(1) Mr. Solomonraja, Flat No F-D, 1st Floor, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, Yarandahalli Vil,Jigani Hobli, Anekal Tk, Bengaluru 560099 **Also at : a)** No:30, 1st Main Road, Vijaya Bank Colony,Dodda Banaswadi Bangalore 560043, **b)** No:8, Itiana Apartment, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, 560016,**c)**I Fly System Unsolution In Ltd No 13 Nehru Road Kammanahalli, Bangalore Karnataka ,560043, **d)** Block No :1, 1st Floor, Subbanapalya, Kullappa Circle, Bangalore – 560004, **e)** No: 503, Elegancy Apartments, R.K.Township, Bangalore 560099, **(2) Mrs. Leesha,** Flat No F-D 1st Floor, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, Yarandahalli Vil,Jigani Hobli, Anekal Tk, Bengaluru-560099, **Also at : a)** No:30, 1st Main Road, Vijaya Bank Colony, Dodda Banaswadi Bangalore 560043,**b)** No:8, Itiana Apartment, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, 560016.
Amount Due : Rs. 92,30,237.25 (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Paise Twenty Five only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. F-D,1st Floor, Site No 445 and 446, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, YarandahalliVil, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru measuring 792 Sq.ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, stair case & other area of common use, together with car parking area in the basement floor and bounded on the East by : Site #427 & 428, West by: Road, North by : Site #447, South by : Site #444.

Reserve Price:Rs.16,10,000/-
(Rupees Sixteen Lakh Ten Thousand only)
EMD: Rs.1,61,000/-
(Rs One Lakh Sixty One Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact Union Bank of India,
Club Road Koramangala Branch, Contact No: 9372706202/9918902868

Union Bank of India, Banagalore City (Sulthanpet) Branch
24 Keshavnivas, Kavikalidas Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009
Mail ID : ubin0900222@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1. Shivananda G, No.7, 'D' Grade House, University Quarters, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore -560 056, **2. Bhagyamma,** No.7, 'D' Grade House, University Quarters, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore -560 056
Amount Due :Rs. 14,75,292/-(Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Two only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of the Secured Assets: EMG of Flat No. B-21//001,One BHK situated at Valagerahalli-2, Kengeri, Bangalore

Reserve Price:Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh only)
EMD: Rs.1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Bangalore City Branch, **Contact No: 8511323132**

Union Bank of India, S. C. Road Branch
No.71/1,Brigade Plaza SC Road, Near Anand Rao Circle,Bangalore-560009
Mail Id:ubin0901440@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor: 1.Mr. Raju.H S/o. Hanumanthappa, **2.Mrs. Padma W/o Raju.H Both are residing at:** D.No.9/1,1st Floor, KulumeSiddanna Garden Kannan Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008.**Alternative address:** Flat No. B28/308, 3rd Floor, Alur Phase I, Makali, Bangalore-560008
Amount Due : Rs. 6,10,035.40/- (RupeesSix Lakh Ten Thousand Thirty Five Paise Forty only) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses
Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing No. B28-308, Third Floor, B-28 Block, BDA Flats (Phase-2, Type-3), 1BHK Situated at Alur Phase-1, Alur Dasanapura, Hobli, formed by BDA Bangalore, totally measuring 33.526 Sq.mtr built up area and bounded by: East by : ALR House No.B28/307, West by : Staircase, North by : ALR House No.B28/305, South by : Road.

Reserve Price: Rs.7,32,000/-
(Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.73,200/- (Rupees Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Only)

2. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor:
1.Mr.Saravanan.M, B4 206 Chandragiri Apartment Phase II Doddabanahalli, Kadugudi Plantation Bangalore-560061, **2. Ms.Kurinji Traders,** No.155 11 Ground Floor, Opp ST Joseph Convent School Whitefield, Bangalore-560066
Amount Due :Rs. 74,79,178/-(RupeesSeventy Four Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eightonly) as on 31-12-2025 with further interest, cost and expenses.
Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property being Site No.18 Katha No.16/8/18, Property No.16/8, Situated at Basavanpura Village, KrishnarajapuraHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.53, Measuring East to West 28 fee, North to South 40 feet in all total measuring 1120 Sq.ft and bounded on :East by : Road,West by: Private Property ,North by: Site No.19,South by : Site No.17.

Reserve Price:Rs.38,55,600/-
(Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)
EMD: Rs.3,85,560/-
(Rupees Three Lakh Eighty-FiveThousand and Five Hundred and Sixty Only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
S.C. Branch, **Contact No: 98630806575/9740334621**

Date and Time of E-auction 13.02.2026 (12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for Submission of EMD : On or before commencement of e-auction E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com and http://www.unionbankof india.co.in**
The online E- auction will be held through website:https://baanknet.com
Date: 17.01.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

Two teenagers died in a Gaza drone strike, civil defence said, as Israel reported killing two militants

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Massive winter storm paralyses 40% of US population

Over 11,000 flights cancelled; power outages spread; ice and snow stymie travel plans

DALLAS

More than 11,000 flights across the US set to take off over the weekend have been canceled as a major storm expected to wreak havoc across much of the country threatens to knock out power for days and snarl major roadways.

Roughly 140 million people, or more than 40% of the US population, were under a winter storm warning from New Mexico to New England. The National Weather Service forecast warns of widespread heavy snow and a band of catastrophic ice stretching from east Texas to North Carolina. Forecasters say damage, especially in areas pounded by ice, could rival that of a hurricane.

Ice and sleet that hit northern Texas overnight were moving toward the central part of the state on Saturday, the National Weather Service in Fort Worth said. Expecting ice and hazardous conditions, officials said all schools in Houston will be closed on Monday.

Strong winds kick up snow in Lowville, New York | AP

"Dangerously cold temperatures and wind chills are spreading into the area and will remain in place into Monday," the agency said on X. Low temperatures will be mostly in the single digits for the next few nights, with wind chills as low as minus 12 degrees Fahreinheit. More than 95,000 power outages were reported across the country Saturday morning, about 36,000 of them in Texas and 10,000 more in Virginia. Snow and sleet continued to fall in Oklahoma.

After sweeping through the South, the storm was expected to move into the Northeast, dumping about a foot of snow from Washington through New York and Boston, the weather service predicted. Temperatures reached minus 29 F just before dawn in rural Lewis County and other parts of upstate New York after days of heavy snow.

Governors in more than a dozen states sounded the alarm about the turbulent weather ahead, declaring emergencies or urging people to stay home.

Texas Gov Greg Abbott told residents on the social media platform X that the state Department of Transportation was pretreating the roads and told residents, "Stay home if possible." More than 3,600 flights were canceled on Saturday, according to the flight tracking website FlightAware.

More than 6,200 flights were called off for Sunday. Angela Exstrom was supposed to fly back to Omaha, Nebraska, from a trip in Mexico, but she learned her Saturday flight out of Houston had been canceled. So instead, she is going back via Los Angeles. *AP*

HEAVY SNOW, RAINFALL KILL 61, INJURE 110 OVER THREE DAYS IN AFGHANISTAN

KABUL: Heavy snow and rainfall over the past three days have killed more than 60 people and injured over 100 across Afghanistan, the country's disaster management authority said Saturday, as authorities in the impoverished country struggled to open roads and gain access to cut-off villages. National Disaster Management Authority spokesman Yousaf Hammad said 61 people had died and 110 were injured, while 458 homes had been completely or partially destroyed and hundreds of animals had died in 15 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. The numbers, he said, could change as authorities gathered more information from the provinces.

Snow covers the streets of the town of Ghazni , southwest from Kabul | AP

Zelenskyy hails peace talks in UAE despite fresh attacks

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Saturday that two days of trilateral talks with Russia and the United States in Abu Dhabi concluded with "constructive" discussions on "possible parameters for ending the war."

The talks are the first known instance that officials from the Trump administration have sat down with both countries as part of Washington's push for progress to end Moscow's nearly 4-year-old invasion.

"All parties agreed to report to their capitals on each aspect of the negotiations and to coordinate further steps with their leaders," Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram. He said that military representatives identified issues for a possible next meeting, which could take place as soon as next week.

The Ukrainian leader said there was "an understanding of the need for American monitoring and control of the process of ending the war and ensuring real security."

US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner participated alongside Ukrainian officials. Russia sent military intelligence and army representatives, according to Zelenskyy. The United Arab Emirates' Foreign Ministry earlier said the talks are part of efforts "to promote dialogue and identify political solutions to the crisis." Meanwhile, hours before the three-way talks began on Friday, Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed a Ukraine settlement with Witkoff and Kushner during marathon overnight talks. *AP*

Emergency services personnel work to extinguish a fire following a Russian attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine | AP

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8 (1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Aham Housing Finance Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. Aham Housing Finance Ltd** for an amount and interest and other costs, charges and expenses. The notice issued earlier in this regard is hereby withdrawn.

Sl.No.1: **Loan Account No. KA/BLR/BLRE/000000008, Name and Address of the Borrower/s & Co Borrower/s : 1. Mr. Venkatesh.GV (Borrower) & 2. Mrs. Jayalakshmi.TN (Co Borrower), Both are residing at** No. 55, II Block, 19th Main, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 010, **Date of Demand Notice: 17.11.2025 & Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice : Rs. 23,93,911/- [Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Only] as on 14.11.2025** together with interest thereon. **Possession Date : 22.01.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No. 06, Survey No. 33/6, Chokkasandra Village Panchayat No. 33/3, Ward No. 39, Chokkasandra Village, Dasarahalli, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North, East to West: 20 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, with total site area 800 Sq. Ft and bounded as follow: East by : Remaining Portion of 33/6, West by : Site No. 6, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Sl.No.2: **Loan Account No. KA/BLR/BLRE/000000031, Name and Address of the Borrower/s & Co Borrower/s : 1. Mr. Prasanth Kumar.BM, (Borrower) & Mrs. Malathi, (Co Borrower)** Both are residing at No. 480, I Stage, 3rd C Main Road, 3rd Cross, Manjunath Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560 010, **Date of Demand Notice: 25.10.2025 & Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice : Rs. 25,90,183/- [Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Three Only] as on 15.10.2025** together with interest thereon. **Possession Date : 23.01.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Item 1: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Plot No.468, Town Municipal Katha No.1563/468/138/468, totally measuring 2,179.14 Sq., Mtrs., (23,447.55 Square Feet), carved out of residentially converted land in Sy.No.117, duly converted for residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. BDS/ALN/SR/120/1997-98 dated 13.03.1998, Situated at Kenchanakuppe Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District in BMRDA approved project known as "Magnolia Valley Woods layout"., and bounded on the; East by: Road, West by : Park and Pathway, North by : Road, South by : Road. **Item 2: (Description of the Unit/Apartment agreed to be conveyed) :** A Single Bedroom Apartment bearing No.008 on the Ground Floor of forming of the Building in Cedar Court, Khatha No. 1563/468/138/468/GF/008, PID No. 3085692046 with a super built-up area of 518 Square Feet (48.123754 Sq. mtrs) (Carpet Area - 410 Sq.Ft./38.090230 Sq. mtrs.) which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Flat No.007, North by : Road, South by : Corridor. The Property is situated within the Sub Registration District of Ramangara and Registration District of Ramanagara.

Date: Sl.No.1 : 22.01.2026, Sl.No.2 : 23.01.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **For Aham Housing Finance Ltd**

ASIA MATTERS

FAKE BOMB THREAT AT AIR BASE, PROBE ON

Investigations are ongoing over a bomb threat against Singapore's Paya Lebar Air Base, which was posted online and later determined to be fake, according to media reports on Saturday. The Republic of Singapore Air Force was made aware of online posts alleging a bomb threat at the country's largest airbase on Friday, reported The Straits Times, citing a Ministry of Defence spokesperson. "No threat was identified," said the spokesperson, adding that precautionary measures were taken at the airbase, which was previously Singapore's largest commercial airport.

Veterans, Danish PM rap Don's charge on Af NATO front-line

COPENHAGEN

BRITISH veterans and families of soldiers killed or injured in Afghanistan have expressed outrage over US President Donald Trump's claim that NATO allies stayed "a little back" from the front lines during the war, the *BBC* reported. Former British soldiers wounded by Taliban improvised explosive devices said they fought alongside American troops on the front line, calling Trump's remarks disrespectful and untrue.

"I fully understand that Danish veterans have said no words can describe how much this hurts," Danish Prime Minister Mette said Saturday on Facebook. "It is unacceptable that the American president questions the commitment of allied soldiers in Afghanistan," she added. In the interview, Trump appeared unaware that 457 British soldiers were among NATO troops who died during the conflict in Afghanistan following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Friday: "I consider President Trump's remarks to be insulting and frankly, appalling, and I'm not surprised they've caused such hurt to the loved ones of those who were killed or injured."

The White House rejected Starmer's comments and defended Trump. "President Trump is absolutely right — the United States of America has done more for NATO than any other country in the alliance has done combined," Taylor Rogers, a White House spokeswoman, said in a statement sent to AFP. Meanwhile, German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius recalled the "heavy price" his country paid, stressing that "our army was ready when our American allies asked for support" in 2001. The Danish Veterans Association earlier said it was "at a loss for words" over Trump's claims.

"Denmark has always stood by the United States, and we have shown up in crisis zones around the world when the United States asked us to," the association said in a statement.

Danish veterans are calling for a silent march in Copenhagen on January 31 to protest Trump's remarks. *AFP*

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IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU
G & W.C. No. 78/2025

BETWEEN : Mrs. Leelamma Philipose W/o Mr. G Philipose Aged about 73 years R/a Valsalya Bhavan, Behind Ivy Park, Doddakannehalli, Kasavanahalli, Bellandur, Bangalore, Karnataka -560103 **...PETITIONER**

AND : 1. Mrs. Josna Philipose W/o. Mr. Abraham Mathew Aged about 44 years

2. Mr. Abraham Mathew S/o Mr. Mathew Aged about 53 years Both R/a No.13, Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore -560035 **...RESPONDENTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above-named Petitioner has instituted the present Petition under section 9 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 seeking to appoint the Petitioner as the guardian of the minor child, namely Master Rubiel Abraham Mathew.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before II Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **27-02-2026 at 11 am** to show cause against the petitioners failing, wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 23/1/2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
II Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural

ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE
Sri. Nitin A.M. Advocate,
No.14, 2nd Floor, Dena Bank Colony, Ganganagar, Bengaluru -560032

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby notified that my client **SMT. MANJULA R,** D/o S Ramaiah, W/o Muniraju C, Aged about 55 years, Residing at No.1, S Bingipura Kachanaikanahalli, Hulimangala post Jigani Hobli, Bangalore-560105 is owner of the property bearing in Site No.28, property No.182, katha No.182/2B, situated at S Bingipura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, totally measuring 4400 sq.ft., My client have lost the release deed document No.JGN-1-07578/2019-2020, stored in CD No.JGND807 Book I, dated:20-1-2020 registered before the sub registrar, Jigani, Bangalore, while misplaced in the house at S Bingipura, Jigani, Bangalore In spite of my client's best efforts he could not able to trace out the same. In this regard my client has given a police complaint through website to Crime Branch Bangalore rural Police, Lost Report No.2025653/2025 dated 24-01-2026.

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Special Land Acquisition Officer, Head Office, No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavan, Nrupatunga Road, Bengaluru-1

No.: KIADB/LAQ/HO/1579/2025-26 Date: 23.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
(As per Govt. Order No. CI 121 SPQ 2021, Bangalore, Dated 06-12-2025)

As per Government Order No. CI 121 SPQ 2021, Bangalore, Dated: 06-12-2025 "As an exceptional case, to exclude a total of 1777-02½ acres/guntas of land situated in 13 villages of Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, from the Land Acquisition Process and in order to continue this entire area as green zone by declaring it as "Permanent Special Agriculture Zone" it is ordered as follows:

a) Sec. 1(3), 3(1), 28(1)-preliminary notification and 28(4)-final notification in respect of 439-32.08 acres/guntas of lands for which final notification is issued vide notification number CI 121 SPQ 2021 dated 28.06.2024, and 841-26.12 acres/guntas of lands for which final notification is issued vide notification number CI 121 SPQ 2021 dated 19.04.2025 issued under section 28, sub-section (4) of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act, 1966, stands dropped.

b) Sec. 1(3), 3(1), 28(1)-preliminary notification and 28(4)-final notification in respect of 495-23¼ acres/guntas of lands out of total of 1777-02½ Acres / Guntas for which the preliminary notification is issued vide Government Notification No. CI 121 SPQ 2021 dated: 27.08.2021 under section 28, sub-section (1) of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act, 1966 stands dropped.

c) In order to continue 1777-02½ acres/guntas of lands (under the aforesaid notifications) situated in 13 villages of Channarayapatna hobli, Devanahalli taluk, Bengaluru Rural District as green zone, this entire area is declared "Permanent Special Agriculture Zone" . The Urban Development Department shall issue a notification to this effect.

d) To constitute an expert committee to draft the modalities of the permanent special agricultural zone and to issue separate guidelines to that effect.

e) To make entries as "Permanent Special Agricultural Zone" in column 11 of RTC in respect of the notified lands measuring total area of 1777-02½ acres/guntas, in order to protect the interests of farmers.

f) Out of the total 1777-02½ acres/guntas lands subject to land acquisition, the landowners may voluntarily come forward to give their lands to the KIAD Board based on the requirements of the Board and in accordance with law.

g) A time-span of 3 months shall be given to the landowners who may voluntarily give their lands to the Board and the landowners shall be paid compensation at the rate fixed by the Price Advisory Committee, as per the applicable rules.

This order has been issued with the approval of the Cabinet held on 04.12.2025 vide Cabinet Note No. C-1031/2025, in concurrence with the opinion of the Department of Finance No. FD 412 Expenditure-1/2025(P1) dated 04.12.2025, The Department of Law, Justice and Human Rights vide Note No. LAW -OPN 834 2025 dated 03.12.2025 and Urban Development Department vide Note No. SI 121 SPQ 2021(P1)."

The landowners/Khatedars/interested parties may voluntarily appear in person or through their authorized representatives at the office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Head Office, KIADB, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavan Building, Nrupatunga Road, Bengaluru between 01-February-2026 and 30-April-2026 (three months) during working hours and accord their consent for the land acquisition process.

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, Head Office, Nrupatunga Road, Bengaluru

Landslide kills eight, leaves over 80 missing in Indonesia

JAKARTA

A predawn landslide triggered by torrential rains on Indonesia's main island of Java killed at least eight people on Saturday and left 82 missing as rescuers struggled through deep mud, searching for survivors.

Days of torrential rains had caused rivers to burst their banks, tearing through Pasir Langu village in the West Bandung district of West Java province. Mud, rocks and trees tumbled down the mountainside, burying some 34 houses.

Rescuers were searching for the 82 residents feared buried under heaps of mud and debris, while 24 people managed to escape the disaster, said spokesperson Abdul Muhari of the National Disaster Management Agency. Some eight bodies were pulled out in the worst-hit hamlet of Pasir Kuning after the 3 am landslide swept away homes and people.

"Unstable soil and heavy rain continue to complicate search and rescue operations," said Teten Ali Mungku Engkun, who heads West Java's Disaster Management Office.

An aerial shot taken using a drone shows an area affected by landslides in Pasir Langu village, in West Bandung district of West Java province | AP

He said local authorities rapidly assessed the damage and deployed emergency response teams immediately after the landslide. Families living within 100 metres of the landslide zone were evacuated due to fears of further slope failures.

Authorities urged residents in landslide-prone areas to remain vigilant and evacuate if they hear rumbling sounds.

IRAN CRACKDOWN IN FOCUS DESPITE NET SHUTDOWN

DUBAI

THE bloodiest crackdown on dissent since Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution is slowly coming into focus, despite authorities cutting off the Islamic Republic from the internet and much of the wider world.

Cities and towns smell of smoke as fire-damaged mosques and government offices line streets. Banks have been torched, their ATMs smashed. Officials estimate the damage to be at least USD 125 million, according to an Associated Press tally of reports by the state-run IRNA news agency from over 20 cities.

The number of dead demonstrators reported by activists continues to swell.

Activists warn it shows Iran engaging in the same tactics it has used for decades, but at an unprecedented scale—firing from rooftops on demonstrators, shooting birdshot into crowds and sending motorcycle-riding paramilitary Revolutionary Guard volunteers in to beat and detain those who can't escape.

"The vast majority of protesters were peaceful.

The video footage shows crowds of people—including children and families—chanting, dancing around bonfires, marching on their streets," said Raha Bahreini, of Amnesty International. "The authorities have opened fire unlawfully."

The killing of peaceful protesters—as well as the threat of mass executions—has been a red line for military action for US President Donald Trump.

5,000 Employees will be recruited by Hitachi India over the next five years as the company bets on rapid infrastructure development and digital transformation in the country.

'It is time to take stock of govt capex'

Niti Aayog member says govt must identify gaps in public goods, infrastructure and direct spending accordingly

FROM reforming the skilling ecosystem to strengthening domestic supply chains, what should the next round of reforms look like? In an exclusive interaction with **Dipak Mondal and Pushpita Dey, Arvind Virmani,** economist and full-time Member of NITI Aayog, speaks at length on the fiscal, financial and structural measures India must pursue to sustain high growth. **Excerpts**:

Recent finance ministry data shows advanced GDP growth at 7.4% for FY26, compared to 6.5% last year. How do you assess India's current economic situation amid volatile global conditions?
Uncertainty is the single biggest factor affecting economies today. From our perspective, however, the big story is that India has handled this uncertainty extremely well and managed to maintain growth momentum. There were multiple shocks. Shocks do occur—that is why I always give a range, not a point estimate. This shock was unusual because it largely originated from a single source, which is unprecedented. Managing it required careful macroeconomic handling, and we have done that effectively.

A demand shock is countered through fiscal or monetary measures; other shocks require different responses. The 7.4% growth outcome reflects strong macro-economic management during FY26 so far from April to December.

Does this make the finance minister's job easier while framing the next Budget?
The Budget is forward-looking and meant for the next year. The challenge is not whether growth is higher now, but whether we remain prepared for future shocks — domestic or external. Preparedness means maintaining adequate fiscal and policy space and the agility to respond quickly.

A higher base always makes growth harder — that is simply the nature of growth. The positive development today is that reforms are raising India's underlying growth rate itself, which helps us manage uncertainty better.

This Budget comes after major direct tax and GST reforms. What should be the government's focus this year?
There are three taxes under the Centre's control. Media reports suggest the finance minister intends to focus on customs tariff reform, which is a very positive step. A well-designed tariff structure can strengthen domestic supply chains. International supply chain issues are already being addressed through free trade agreements, whose purpose is to integrate India into global value chains, something we missed out on decades ago. But customs duties play a critical role in developing domestic supply chains. Beyond taxation and expenditure, the financial sector reforms will be another key focus area.

RUN-UP TO BUDGET

Apart from taxes, are there other areas the Budget should focus on?
In the last Budget, the finance minister clearly distinguished between financial and non-financial regulations. Non-financial reforms are being handled separately. Financial regulation falls under the finance ministry, although much of the work is delegated to regulators such as RBI and SEBI. Given this shared responsibility, a review of financial regulation and possible policy signals from the finance ministry would be important.

Many economists say infra capex multipliers are declining and the government should revisit its strategy. Your view?
Before the last Budget, capital expenditure was growing at nearly 25% annually. I had then suggested it was time to take stock and not mechanically continue spending in the same areas. Evaluation is essential. The issue now is identifying gaps in public goods and public infrastructure and directing spending accordingly. Earlier, the focus was on increasing the capital share of the Budget. Now, it is about where that capital is deployed.

Gross capital formation stands at 31% of GDP. Is a target of 36-37% realistic?
The real issue is productivity. For 7% growth with an ICOR (Incremental Capital-Output Ratio) of 4, you need only 28% investment. For 7.5% growth, around 32%. Structural — or policy — reforms are meant to improve productivity. With the pace of reforms accelerating, my estimates of productivity have gone up. It means higher growth can be achieved without pushing investment ratios to 36-37%. We must focus more on ensuring reforms translate into productivity gains.

The IMF has flagged gaps in India's data systems. Are GDP numbers overstated?
That is not how I read it. India is a lower-middle-income country, and statistical systems improve progressively. Compared to countries at a similar income level, India's data systems are far better. New indices and datasets will be released soon. GDP estimation requires primary data, and improvements take time.

Employment is rising, but wages lag inflation. How can fiscal policy ensure job quality?
Wages depend on skills. Data shows that 50% of children completing primary school cannot read. What wages can they command in a modern economy? India's skilling levels are low even for its income level. If we want to become Viksit, the quality of education, skilling and job training must improve manifold. Wages rise with productivity, not declarations. Credentialism — having degrees without skills — does not work.

What is your view on income security & working conditions for gig workers?
Around 58% of India's workforce is self-employed. Gig workers fall between self-employment and regular employment and cannot expect the same protections as regular employees. Among the self-employed, craftsmen show the highest real income growth because they have skills in demand. Income follows skills, not credentials. Only about 54% of BA graduates are employable, while skilled workers often earn more.

What are the top reforms you would like in Budget?
At the Centre, customs tariff reform is critical to promoting domestic supply chains. At the state and local levels, reforms in land, power pricing, education, skilling, sanitation and sewage systems are going to be key focus areas.

NEWSCOPE

DAVOS HERALDS RISE OF THE MIDDLE POWERS

GURBIR SINGH

IT was another TACO moment at Davos. Trump-Again-Chickened-Out. After bringing the transatlantic alliance with Europe to the brink over threats to take Greenland "the easy way, or the hard way", US President Donald Trump on Wednesday backed down.

"People thought I would use force. I don't have to use force. I don't want to use force. I won't use force," Trump said addressing a packed house at the World Economic Forum. For form, to show he had not let go, the President said he now has a deal for "unrestricted access to Greenland". He also backed off from his threat to impose a 10% tariff from February 1 on eight European allies, including France and Germany, for opposing his Greenland takeover. The markets read it right. The Dow Jones lifted 589 points, or 1.12% after his Davos speech. Plummeting markets across the world also shot up.

US-based news outlet *Politico*, has documented Trump has made big announcements in the last three months to raise levies at least five times which have been then withdrawn. These include aborted higher levies on Canada for playing an anti-tariff ad, and on French wine and champagne.

Greenland, the trigger

But beyond all the idiosyncrasies of Trump, what we are seeing today is the tectonic shift in the global balance of power. What were firm allies of the US — Europe, Canada, and even Australia, are today standing up to the the US, refusing to be humiliated and run over. The 'Middle Powers', as Canada's PM Mark Carney described them, are willing to take on both Russia and China and the US. For Europe's new found unity and strength,they have to thank Trump.

What these countries are saying is: US 'imperialism' being unleashed on common enemies — Iran or Venezuela — is one thing. But threatening allies with annexing their assets and sovereignty (Greenland is a self-governing province of Denmark), or arm-twisting them with the threat of economic sanctions and tariffs, is a new low. Greenland was the tipping point and Davos is where it all came out in the open. Canadian premier Mark Carney was blunt. He said it was the "end of rule-based international order", and "we are in the midst of a rupture, not a transition."

Carney, who emerged as the darling of Davos' anti-Trump camp, said "more recently, great powers have begun using economic integration as weapons. Tariffs as leverage. Financial infrastructure as coercion. Supply chains as vulnerabilities to be exploited."

In this scenario, if the 'Middle Powers' don't band together against the 'hegemon', their subordination will be permanent. "Middle powers must act together because if we're not at the table, we're on the menu," was Carney's war cry.

Sporting aviator sun shades, French President Emmanuel

SOURAV ROY

Macron defended Europe's support for Denmark's sovereignty and denounced the "endless accumulation" of new tariffs as fundamentally unacceptable, "even more so when they are used as leverage against territorial sovereignty". He called for Europe to strengthen its trade defence instrument while at the same time sought investment, including from China.

Trade counter attack

To a possible escalation of more tariffs, Europe is now mulling retaliation through what is called the 'trade bazooka'. It is a raft of anti-coercion instruments that block or restrict investment from countries, in this case the US, which is seen as putting undue pressure on EU member nations or corporations.

The European Union is a $450-million consumer market. US-Europe trade is whopping $1.7 trillion a year. Take this away and US companies and its economy will be in trouble.

Europe has also realised it had slept over its own security, comfortable in the belief that NATO, a euphemism for US cover, would look after any hostile Big Power incursion. Article 5 of NATO's charter guarantees the intervention by members of the bloc in case a member faces military attack.

But this security dome is in tatters now with the US threatening the sovereignty of member-country Denmark. The story began earlier with Donald Trump's tepid support for Ukraine and his willingness to sleep with the enemy, Russia. It has come to a point where Ukraine's armament list is now being supplied by the US, but the European nations are funding the purchases.

Months ago, Friedrich Merz, the German chancellor, called out Trump as an 'unreliable ally' and appealed to his NATO allies to ramp up investments in armaments and build their own defense forces. The warning has been taken seriously and the Europe's armament industry is now in full swing. Germany has also promoted a 500-billion-Euro fund to develop Europe as an independent energy and infrastructure hub.

The rupture between the US and its European allies seems almost complete with France's Emmanuel Macron and other leaders turning down membership of the 'Board of Peace' — being posed as an alternative to the UN under Trump's leadership. The US as a super power is redefining international rules with raw power aimed at complete control of the western hemisphere and beyond. On the other hand, its long time allies, Canada, England and the the European powers, are seriously considering breaking away to build rival, regional blocs to keep the he Trump regime at bay.

It is a crucial moment for India too. The Centre has unfortunately once again taken an ambivalent foreign policy position of these cataclysmic developments. To the invitation to join the Trump's Board of Peace, the government is saying it will "wait and watch". Meanwhile, Europe is pressing forward with alternative trade deals with countries which will help it cut its umbilical cord with the US market. EU President Ursula von der Leyen said at Davos that EU was close to concluding a FTA with India.

Kotak Bank net profit rises by 4.3% to ₹3,446 cr in Q3FY26

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

KOTAK Mahindra Bank on Saturday reported a 4.3% rise in net profit at ₹3,446 crore in Q3FY26 against ₹3,305 crore in December 2024, driven by growth in net interest income and other income. The bank will have incur one-time expense of ₹128 crore due to new labour codes.

On a consolidated basis, the bottomline rose 5% to ₹4,924 crore, and the bank said close to a third of the total net income is contributed the subsidiaries. The bank made a pre-tax provision of ₹128 crore towards the new labour code implementation, which on a post-tax basis is ₹98 crore, chief executive Ashok Vaswani said.

Asset improved during the quarter with gross NPAs coming down to 1.30% from 1.50% and the net NPAs falling to 0.31% from 0.41%. The bank's, provision coverage ratio stood at 76%. The key net interest income (NII) which is the difference between interest earned from advances and interest paid on deposits, increased 5% to ₹7,565 crore as the net interest margin (NIM) declined to 4.54% from 4.93% a year ago but was stable from Q2 when it printed in at 4.54%, said Devang Gheewalla, the group chief financial officer.

Operating expenses increased 8% to ₹5,023 crore, including an estimated cost of ₹98 crore pursuant to new labour code. Excluding the impact of incremental cost due to new labour code, operating expenses rose 6% to ₹4,927 crore, the CFO said.

Ultratech net profit jumps 27% to ₹1,729.40 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

ULTRATECH Cement on Saturday reported a consolidated net profit of ₹1,729.44 crore for the December quarter, up 27% over ₹1,363.40 crore booked in the same period a year ago, boosted by margin improvement.

The Aditya Birla group flagship firm said that its revenue from operations rose to ₹21,829.70 crore from ₹17,778.80 crore a year earlier, while total consolidated income was at ₹21,965.26 crore.

The operating margin per tonne improved by ₹140 to ₹1,051/tonne, the company said, adding however, sales realisation declined 0.4%.

Login credentials of 149-mn accounts leaked, says report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

LOGIN credentials of over 149 million accounts of internet firms have allegedly been leaked, a report published by ExpressVPN said. The firms like Gmail, Instagram, Facebook and Netflix data leaked, claimed the report.

The report published by cybersecurity researcher Jeremiah Fowler claims that the publicly exposed data includes 48 million accounts on Gmail, 4 million on Yahoo, 17 million on Facebook, 6.5 million on Instagram, 3.4 million on Netflix, 1.5 million on Outlook, etc.

"The publicly exposed database was not password-protected or encrypted. It contained 149,404,754 unique logins and passwords, totaling a massive 96 GB of raw credential data. In a limited sampling of the exposed documents, I saw thousands of files that included emails, usernames, passwords, and the URL links to the login or authorisation for the accounts," Fowler said.

He said the database was publicly accessible, allowing anyone who discovered it to potentially access the credentials of individuals. Financial services accounts, crypto or trading accounts, banking and credit card logins also appeared in the limited sample of records that he claims to have reviewed.

Telangana govt unveils next gen life sciences policy 2026-30

The Telangana government unveiled its next-gen life sciences policy 2026–30 in Davos, signalling its intent to play a far more consequential role in shaping the future of global healthcare, advanced therapeutics, and sustainable bio-manufacturing. It articulates a decisive shift from scale-driven manufacturing to value-led, innovation-powered growth and positions Telangana as a globally integrated life sciences hub across discovery, development, and deployment. With a clear ambition to rank among the top five life sciences clusters worldwide by 2030, the policy targets $25 billion in investments, creation of 500,000 high-quality jobs, and deeper integration into global life sciences value chains.

Awfis becomes the first coworking brand in India to achieve three WELL accolades

Awfis, India's flexible workspace provider, and the International WELL Building Institute announced a major milestone in advancing healthier, safer, and more inclusive workplaces to serve the coworking workforce in India. Awfis has achieved the WELL Health-Safety Rating and the WELL Equity Rating across 35 locations nationwide, while 15 coworking centres earned the industry-leading WELL Coworking Rating, in partnership with The Instant Group, making Awfis the first coworking brand in India to achieve three WELL accolades. "We are proud to mark a milestone that places Awfis at the forefront of healthier, safer, more inclusive, and future-ready workplaces in India," said Amit Ramani, Chairman & Managing Director of Awfis Space Solutions Ltd.

Business & Beyond

Škoda Auto India introduces new Kushaq with advanced European technology

Škoda Auto India has introduced the new Kushaq, redefining value, safety, dynamics and furthering its strategy of democratising European technology. The Kushaq is the brand's first car under the India 2.0 strategy and has driven the company's growth surge in India. With segment-first technologies like an all-new eight-speed torque converter automatic transmission, Rear Seat Massage function, and numerous all-new features and standard equipment, the new Kushaq follows Škoda Auto India's strategy of making European engineering more accessible on Indian roads. Klaus Zellmer, CEO of Škoda Auto, said, "The updated Kushaq reinforces the importance of India as the springboard for Škoda Auto's strategy to grow our international markets. The Kushaq has rapidly established itself with customers in India and as an export to ASEAN and the Middle East.

Chennai's jewellery brand to launch diamond product

Chennai-based jewellery brand Thangamayil Jewellery on Saturday announced that it will launch its diamond product. The brand will launch five products called Minmini Diamonds on Sunday in Chennai. Designed with advanced technology, international quality standards, premium craftsmanship, and a strong on customer trust, this product is expected to set a new benchmark in the Indian diamond jewellery industry. The management said, "This is not a product launch, but beginning of a new chapter in Thangamayil's growth journey. Our objective is offer world-class diamond experiences to Indian customers with complete trust and transparency."

Chennai-based Meine Electric to build India's 1st Iron-Air battery

Meine Electric, APAC's first iron-air long-duration energy storage (LDES) innovator, today announced raising $750,000 (₹6.7 crore) pre-seed capital from marquee investors like Antler, Rebalance, Venture Catalysts, gradCapital and AIC-AU Incubation Foundation (the incubator hosted by Anna University) and reputed angel investors, including industry veteran Alexander Hogeveen Rutter- showcasing industry and academia's strong conviction in the technology. The pre-seed capital will help accelerate the company's transition from laboratory-scale prototypes to pilot-ready iron-air battery systems.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Basavangudi, Bangalore,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued the following Demand Notices on various dates to the Borrowers / Guarantors mentioned below , calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagors / Legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to all the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on the day mentioned in the following table..

The Borrowers / / Guarantors / Mortgagors / Legal heirs in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Sri Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha** for the amounts mentioned under each borrower and interest thereon.

The borrowers' attention is invited to the provision of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured Assets.

(1) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. Govindaraju K S and Guarantor : Mrs. Chandrika (wife)

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 13.08.2025 liability Rs.75,01,151, Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs.75,01,151 /- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty One Only) as on 31.05.2025 Plus further applicable interest from 01.06.2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization

Demand Notice Dated : 13.08.2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of Mr. Govindaraju K S

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No 34, situated at Sunkalfarm Huttaments, Narayanapura (Wilson Garden) BBMP earlier Division No 36/55, Hombegowdanagar Ward Old No 62, Present No 145, PID Old No 62-09-34, Present No. 145-W0163-3, measuring East to West 20 feet, North to South 15 Feet, total measuring to 300 sq.ft. with construction standing thereon bounded on East by : Road, West by : Property No 23 & 24, North by : Property No 32, South by : Remaining portion in same Property.

(2) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : M/s SRV Solutions and Guarantor: Mr. Aprameya R

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 23.07.2025 and liability of Rs. 19,69,55,228/-, Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs. 19,69,55,228/- (Rupees Nineteen Crores Sixty Nine Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) as on 31.05.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01.06.2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23.07.2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of M/s SRV Solutions

There are 3 Properties mortgaged for the loans and the details are as follows : Property in the name of Mrs. Vijaya.

Item No 1 : Details for Site No 8, All that piece and parcel of the Site as per Lay out plan bearing No 8, Khatha Nos 259/8, formed out of converted Sy. No 33 (duly converted for non-agricultural purpose vide (B. Dis. ALN.(SR) 111/91-92 dated 25.09.2012, by Assistant commissioner of Vajarahalli village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagarm Taluk and District measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South towards East 24 feet 9 inches towards West 30 feet with construction there on bounded on East by: 40 Feet Road, West by : 40 Feet Road, North by : Boiler Extra Factory, South : Site No 9.

Item No 2.: Details for Site No 9, Property in the name of Vijaya.

All that piece and parcel of the Site as per Lay out plan bearing No 9, Khatha Nos 259/9, formed out of converted Sy. No 33 (duly converted for non-agricultural purpose vide (B. Dis. ALN.(SR) 111/91-92 dated 25.09.2012, by Assistant commissioner of Vajarahalli village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagarm Taluk and District measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South 30 feet with construction there on bounded on East by: 40 Feet Road, West by: 40 Feet Road, North by: Site No.8, South : Site No 10.

Item No 3: Details for Site No 10, Property in the name of Mrs. Vijaya.

All that piece and parcel of the Site as per Lay out plan bearing No 10, Khatha Nos 259/10, formed out of converted Sy. No 33 (duly converted for non-agricultural purpose vide (B. Dis. ALN.(SR) 111/91-92 dated 25.09.2012, by Assistant commissioner of Vajarahalli village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagarm Taluk and District measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South 30 feet with construction there on bounded on : East by: 40 Feet Road, West by: 40 Feet Road, North by: Site No 9, South : Site No 11 & 16.

(3) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mrs. Bhagya and Guarantors (mutual) Mr. Manjunath H C and Mr.T Kumaresh Babu, Mrs. Bhagya

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 07.08.2025 and liability of Rs. 2,22,37,553/- Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs 2,22,37,553/- (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Two Lakhs, Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Only) as on 31.07.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01.08.2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 07.08.2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of Mrs. Bhagya

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 136/2, Khata No. 278/136/2, formed out of survey No. 136/2 situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengalur North Taluk, now under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Byatarayanapura Ward No.7 GIS based New PID No. 007-W0375-19-166 measuring 0-02.12 guntas or 2994.75 sq.ft with constructions thereon bounded on: East by : Common Passage Measuring 4'x114' West by: Property Of Gowramma, North by: Road, South by: Property of Jayalakshmi.

(4) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. N Thyagaraju and Guarantors (mutual) (1) Mr Venugopal KS/o Narasimhalu Naidu (2) Mr. Guru Swamy (3) Mr. Naveen D PS/o Prasanna Kumar D N (4) Smt. Malleshwari W/o N Thyagaraju(5) Smt. Prameela Chandra W/o Chandrachari (6) Chandrachari P S/o P Narasimhachari (7) Smt. Geetha Naveen W/o Late Naveen D P

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 18.08.2025 and liability of Rs.14,57,64,317/- Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs.17,25,26,760/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Twenty Five Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Only) as on 31.12.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-01-2026 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 18.08.2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of Mr. N Thyagaraju

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Bommanahalli City Municipal Council No. 35/38/2/4 Khata No,. 254 new BBMP Khata No. 476/38/2/35/4 measuring East to West (47+87.6)/2 feet and North to South (85+95)/2 feet and totally measuring 6057 square feet situated at Ibbalur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now the property comes under the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, bellandur Sub Range, Bangalore mentioned in the said total property and bounded on the East by : Property belonging to Sobha Developers and KEB Transformer, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Vivek Venkitaraman, North by : Property belonging to Sobha Developers, South by : Road.

(5) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : M/s Dwarakamai, Proprietorship represented by Mr. Raghunath G, proprietor and Guarantor: Mrs. Vanishree, wife of Mrs,. Raghunath

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 11.08.2025 and liability of Rs.32,68,61,088/- Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs.32,68,61,088/- (Rupees Thirty Two Crores Sixty Eight Lakhs Sixty One Thousand and Eighty Eight Only) as on 31-07-2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-08-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 11.08.2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of Mr. Raghunath G

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: 3 Properties in the name of Vijaya.

Item 1: All that piece and parcel of the Site as per lay out plan bearing No 05, Katha No 259/5, formed out of converted Sy No 33 (duly converted for nonagricultural purpose vide (B.Dis. ALN(SR) 111/91-92 dated 25.09.2012 by Assistant Commissioner) of Vajarahalli village, Bidadhihoble, Ramanagaram Taluk and District, measuring East to West 80 feet North to South 50 feet with construction there on bounded on East by : 40 feet Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No 6, South by : Site No 4.

Item 2 : All that piece and parcel of the Site as per lay out plan bearing No 06, Katha No 259/6, formed out of converted Sy No 33 (duly converted for nonagricultural purpose vide (B.Dis. ALN(SR) 111/91-92 dated 25.09.2012 by Assistant Commissioner) of Vajarahalli village, Bidadhihoble, Ramanagaram Taluk and District, measuring East to West 80 feet North to South 50 feet with construction there on bounded on : East by : 40 feet Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No 7, South by : Site No 5.

Item 3: All that piece and parcel of the Site as per lay out plan bearing No 07, Katha No 259/7, formed out of converted Sy No 33 (duly converted for nonagricultural purpose vide (B.Dis. ALN(SR) 111/91-92 dated 25.09.2012 by Assistant Commissioner) of Vajarahalli village, Bidadhihoble, Ramanagaram Taluk and District, measuring East to West 80 feet North to South towards east 40 feet towards west 41 feet 06 inches with construction thereon bounded on: East by : 40 feet Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property, South by : Site No 6.

(6) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Smt. N Veena and Mr. Vijaya Simha N and Guarantors (Mutual) Smt. N Veena and Mr. Vijaya Simha N,

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 16-09-2025 and liability of Rs.5,86,90,693/- Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs.5,86,90,693/- (Rupees Five Crore Eighty Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three Only) as on 31-03-2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-04-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 16-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: (Property in the name of Smt. Veena N)

All that piece and parcel of the property in Entire Ground floor premises together with 1/3rd undivided share which works out to 400 sq. ft in the land and 1/3rd share in the silt floor of property bearing No. 459, now BBMP No. 395/395/459, earlier BDA Katha No. BDA/RD/N/C2/459/CIL/99, situated at Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, named as CIL Layout, II Phase, Sahakara Nagara, Bengaluru 560092 bounded on: East by : Site No. 458, West by : Site No. 460, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 478.

(7) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Smt. Bharathi A M and Mr. G Babu and Guarantors (Mutual) Mr. G Babu and Smt. Bharathi A M

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 11-09-2025 and liability of Rs. 4,10,85,977/- Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs. 4,10,85,977/-(Rupees Four Crores Ten Lacs Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 28-02-2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-03-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 11-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: (Property of Smt. Bharathi A M)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Katha No. 14, House List No. 1 /2 situated at Beratena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru now under jurisdiction of BBMP bearing Katha No. 14/1/2, Beratena Agrahara Gramatana, Bommanahalli, Beguru Ward No. 192 measuring East to West 35 feet 06 inches North to South 37 feet 06 inches bounded on: East by : Stair case and shops, West by : Property of G Krishnappa, North by : 150 ft MICO and Jail Road, South by : Property of Raju.

(8) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : M/s Basaveswara Glass & Plywoods, Prop: Mr. Shankar Gowda Patil and Guarantors Mrs. Akshatha and Patil ,Mr. N Lokesh

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 11-09-2025 and liability of Rs. 3,81,66,897/- .Possession Notice Dated 22.01.2026 with liability of Rs. 3,81,66,897/- (Rupees Three Crores Eighty One Lacs Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Seven Only) as on 30.06.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-07-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization..

Demand Notice Dated : 11-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: (Property belongs to Mr. Shankar Gowda Patil)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 34/A Katha no. 126 Assessment No. 110/3 situated at Laggere Village Ward No. 24 of Dasarahalli Municipal Council, Presently BBMP Dasarahalli Sub-Range, Bengaluru measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 80 feet and bounded on: East by : Remaining property in same No. West by : Property No. 34, North by : Road, South by : Channel and Property of Ramanna.

(9) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. Nagaraj K and Guarantors(Mutual) Mr. Shashikumar M and Mr. Mahalingam J

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 18-09-2025 liability Rs.9,81,21,450/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026 liability of Rs. 9,81,21,450/- (Rupees Nine Crores Eighty One Lacs Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Only) as on 30.06.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-07-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 18-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of (Property of Mr. Nagaraj.K)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Kanesumari No. 79/2, Katha No. 449/449, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Byatarayanapura Sub-Range, Bengaluru measuring East to West 33 ¾ feet North to South 44 feet totally 1485 sq.ft. bounded on: East by : Road, West by : another property of same person, North by : Property of Nanjamma and Subbanna, South by : Property Kannappa and Ramaiah.

(10) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. Basavaraj D K and Guarantors Smt. Pramila Devi. R,

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 19-09-2025 liability Rs.1,68,68,193/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs.1,68,68,193/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three Only) as on 30.06.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-07-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 19-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of (Property of Mr. Basavaraju D K)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 27 situated at 3rd cross, Thotada Road, Nayandahalli, BBMP Old Chandralayout Ward No. 39 Present Nayandahalli Ward No. 131 PID Old No. 39-274-27 New No. 131-W0119-76/1 measuring East to West 15 feet North to South 40 feet totally 600 sq.ft bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Property No. 26, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 30.

(11) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. Shivanna P and Guarantors Mr. Shivakumar M and Smt. Jayamma.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 22-09-2025, liability Rs.1,70,064/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs1,70,064/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand Sixty Four Only) as on 31.03.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-04-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 22-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of (Property of Mr. Shivanna P)

All that piece and parcel of eastern portion of the property bearing BDA No. 3304 BBMP Katha No. 285, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru BBMP Yalachenahalli Ward No. 185, GIS based PID No. 185-W0207-24 measuring East to West 18'06" North to South 25'0" with construction thereon and bounded on: East by : Property No. 3278, West by : 5ft space left for common stair case, North by : Property No. 3303, South by : Property No. 3305.

(12) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. Ashwath Reddy and Guarantors Mrs. Arun , wife of Mr. Ashwath Reddy and Mr. Srinivas L P.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 22-09-2025 liability Rs.10,15,07,132/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs10,15,07,132/- (Rupees Ten Crores Fifteen Lacs Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two Only) as on 30.06.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-07-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 22-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: Two Properties are Mortgaged. Mr. Ashwath Reddy.

1. All that piece and parcel of the property in site bearing NO 5, Assessment No 36/4, Khatha No. 36/4/5 situated at Geddalahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently BBMP Sanjay Nagar Ward No 19, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet bounded on East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Property No 4, South by : Property No 6

2. All that piece and parcel of the property in site bearing NO 6, Assessment No 36/4, Khatha No. 36/4/6 situated at Geddalahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently BBMP Sanjay Nagar Ward No 19, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Property No 5, South by : Property No 7

(13) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : M/s Akshay Enterprises Prop: Smt. Umamaheshwari and Guarantors Mr. R Bhaskaran.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 23-09-2025 liability Rs.2,10,50,628/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs.2,10,50,628/- (Rupees Two Crores Ten Lacs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on 30.04.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-05-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: (Property of Mr. Bhaskaran R)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No. 1155/10, 7th Block, Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout, B D A Layout, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560 091, measuring East to West 9 mtrs & North to South 6 mtrs, totally 54. Sq.mtrs. and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No. 1155/7, North by : Site No. 1155/9, South by : Site No. 1155/11.

(14) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : M/s Shree Industries Prop: Mr. Umesh Kumar V and Guarantors Smt. Mamatha Umesh and Anil Singh

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 23-09-2025 liability Rs.5,39,14,074/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs.5,39,14,074/- (Rupees Five Crores Thirty Nine Lakhs Fourteen Thousand and Seventy Four Only) as on 31.03.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-04-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: (Property of Umesh Kumar and Smt. Mamatha Umesh)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 27/A, Katha No. 10/09 of Kattariguppe present BBMP No. 13 Situated at B Cross, Kathriguppe Main Road, Bangalore BBMP Ward No. 54, Property ID No. 54-132-13 measuring East to West 45 feet, North to South 15 feet together with building constructed thereon measuring 1218 sq.ft bounded on: East by : Property No. 41C, West by : Road, North by : Property No. 27 South by : Portion of the property No. 27/A.

(15) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mrs. Parvathy G and Guarantors : Mrs. Aanand Kumar B S

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 23-09-2025 liability Rs 9,05,59,709/-, Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs 9,05,59,709/- (Rupees Nine Crore Five Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine Only) as mentioned above as on 30-06-2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-07-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: in the name of Mrs. Parvathy G

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old No 228, Preent No 159, sitated at Subedarchatram Road, Nataka Ratna Gubbi Veeranna Road, Sheshadripuram , BMP Ward No 27, Bangalore 56 002 measuring East to West (20.0+ 20.03) / 2, North to South (31 + 34) / 2 feet , bounded on : East by: Property of S A Keshavaraju, West by: Property of Dr. Lakshmamma, North by: Subedar Chatram Road, South by : Property of S A Gopalakrishna.

(16) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mr. Jagadish N and Guarantors Smt. Kavitha and Smt Sowbhagya

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 23-09-2025 liability Rs.1,82,03,806/- Possession Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs.1,82,03,806/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Two Lacs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Six Only) as on 31.05.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-06-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 23-09-2025 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: (Property of Mr. Jagadish N)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 468, Katha No. 787/37 formed out of Sy. No. 107 of Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bengaluru South Taluk by Government of Karnataka after inclusion into BBMP Gottigere Ward No. 194, Property bearing Katha No. 1536/787/37-468 PID No. 194-W1315-20 Weaver's Colony, Gottigere, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 30 feet with constructions thereon bounded on: East by : Property No. 455, West by : Road, North by : Property No. 467, South by : Property No. 469.

(17) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower Name : Mrs. Kamalamma and Guarantors Mr.Rangesh T and Mr.Kantharaju K N,

Total amount mentioned in the notice : SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 01-12-2022 liability Rs.64,15,029/- , Notice Dated : 22.01.2026, liability of Rs.96,57,790/- (Rupees Ninty Six Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninty only) as on 30.06.2025 plus further applicable interest from 01-07-2025 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

Demand Notice Dated : 01-12-2022 Possession Notice Date: 22.01.2026

Description of the Immovable Property: Property in the name of Kamalamma

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.254,formed out of Sy.no.30-31 of Saneguruvanahalli village, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, after inclusion into BBMP Kamalanagar ward Old no.16, Present Shakti Ganapathi Nagar ward no.74, Property No.254, Kamalanagar Survey Ni.30,31, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru PID no. Old 16-67-254, Present 074-W0114-39, measuring east to west 24 feet north to south 24 feet with building thereon bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Property No.258, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Date : 22.01.2026, Place : Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha**

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No: DHO/Tender Notification/DH/01/2024-25
Date:22-01-2026

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Vijayanagar inviting shortterm tender through e-procurement (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) portal for the supply ofVarious Medical and other allied equipment's required for Central Lab of New 250 Bedded District Hospital of Hosapete under 2024-25 KKRDB fund. **(Amount to Put to Tender 210.10 Lakhs) (INDENT NUMBER:DHFWS/2025-26/IND2109)**

Interested eligible Tenderers can upload the document between **date:23-01-2026 to date: 07-02-2026** time up to 05:00 pm.

For more information tenderers may contact the office phone number **:08394-227040** or in persons during office hours.

Sd/-District health and Family Welfare Officer Vijayanagar
DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/KSMCA/RO No/491

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client has negotiated to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Dr.Ramesh Bellamkonda,** son of Late B.R.Betaiah Setty, residing at No.108, Saranga of Unitech Parkway Apartments, 1st Main Road, Shivanagara, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010.

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within **seven days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and our client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land being a vacant residential site bearing **No.722,** (formed by the Bangalore Development Authority), situated at **1st Stage, 2nd Block Extension, Hennur Bellary Road, (H.B.R. Layout)** and now coming within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and assigned with **Municipal Khatha No.350/350/722, New ePID No.3303574464,** Corporation Ward No.24, Bangalore and bounded on the :

EAST BY : Site bearing No.721;
WEST BY : Site bearing No.723;
NORTH BY : Shop Site;
SOUTH BY : Road;

and measuring :
EAST to WEST : 50 feet;
NORTH to SOUTH : 80 feet;
Totally measuring in all 444.44 Square yards or 371.61 Square meters or 4000 Square feet.

NISSAR AHMED & RAGHAVENDRA, Advocates
No.40, 1st Floor, Nandidurga Road, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 25.01.2026 Place : Bangalore

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Bidadi Branch

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Bidadi Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **14.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs.57,11,095/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Eleven Thousand Ninety Five Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Yadhunandana S** S/o Mr. Billaiahnaik Sanna Swamy Naik and **Mrs.Jayalakshmi M** W/o Mr.Yadhunandana S (Borrower/s) as on 24.01.2026 , together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 45,00,000/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,50,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel bearing Property Flat No.FF1 , First Floor, Sai Kuteera Site No.06,Katha No.328/6,BBMP Ward No.184, BBMP Katha No.144/328/6 ,Old BBMP Katha No.328/6 ,Old Sy No.8/4,New And Convertred Sy No.39, Vaddarapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka -560061.

Measuring East to West-on the Northern side 57-6.5 feet and on the Southern Side 57-1.5 ft, North to South-on the Eastern side 41 Feet and on the Western side 40 ft.240 Sq Ft undevided share. and built up area 1180 Sq Feet.

Bounded on as per document : East:Private Property, West:30 Feet Road, North:Site No.07, South: Site No.05

Bounded on as actual Flat: East:Lift pit And Staircase, West:Open to Sky, North:Entrance, South: Open to Sky

Known Encumbrance : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).

Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Date: 24.01.2026 Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bidadi Can Fin Homes Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
BTM Layout Branch , No.28/29, 18th Main, 7th Cross, BTM II Stage, Bengaluru-560076, **Email: cb2433@canarabank.com**

Symbolic Possession Notice [Section 13(4)]

(For movable/ Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **13-11-2025** upon the borrower 1) **Sri Ramesh T K,** S/o T N Krishna Murthy, A17, Barath Nagar, Beml Nagar Post, Bangerpet Taluk, Bangalore- 563115 **and 2) Smt Swarna,** W/o T K Ramesh, 42,3rd Mn,Srinidhi L/o, Chunchaghatta Mn Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore- 560076, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 40,26,861.27** (Rupees Forty lakhs Twenty Six thousand Eight hundred Sixty One and Paise Twenty Seven Only) along with interest from 12.11.2025 and costs etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the balance amount, due under the said demand notice, with up to date interest, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the entire Mortgaged property/ies described herein below, with all the constructions thereon, in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **22nd Day of January Month, 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 40,26,861.27 (**Rupees Forty lakhs Twenty Six thousand Eight hundred Sixty One and Paise Twenty Seven Only) along with further interest from 12.11.2025 and costs.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the movables/immovable Properties:

Description of the Security Assets

Sl No.	Description of the Immovable assets	Name of Title Holder
1.	All the piece and parcel of Southern Portion of the property bearing Khatha No. 375, Old Property No 255/38, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to south 10 Feet and Property bearing Khata No 50/3 and Old Property No 38/A, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 11 Feet, Present Bommanhalli CMC No 225/38-375, totally measuring East to West 40 Feet and North South 21 Feet, situated at Chunchghtta Village, Uttarhalli CMC, Bengaluru South Taluk, Situated And also called (Postal Address) No. 12 (Southern Portion), 10th Cross, 1st Main Road, Srinidhi Layout, Chunchaghatta Village, Konankunte Bengaluru- 560062, Near Raghavendra Swamy Mutt,. Extent: 840 Sq Ft.Bounded by:East: Road, West: Residential Building, North:Northern Portion of the property No. 225/38, South: No. 13, Residential Building	**Sri Ramesh T. K.**

Date:22-01-2026 Sd/-
Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer

Not going for any separate arbitration: BCB

BCB on Saturday indicated that it might not go for "any separate arbitration". "We have tried our best. We fully respect the ICC Board, and the Board's majority decision was that the match cannot be relocated. We are not going into any separate arbitration or any other process here," BCB's media committee chairman Amjad Hossain said in Dhaka.

B'desh gone, Scots dance their way to WC

No credible or verifiable security threat to Bangladesh national team, says ICC as governing body decides to name replacement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) officially replaced Bangladesh with Scotland for the upcoming T20 World Cup in India. They took the extreme step after the Asian outfit refused to travel to India citing security concerns for their contingent. But the ICC, after considering independent security assessments from internal and external experts, assured the team that there was no 'credible or verifiable security threat to Bangladesh national team, officials or supporters in India'.

"In light of these findings," they said in a media release on Saturday evening, "and after careful consideration of the broader implications, the ICC determined that it was not appropriate to amend the published the event schedule. The ICC also noted the importance of preserving the integrity and sanctity of the tournament schedule, safeguarding the interests of all participating teams and fans, and avoiding the establishment of precedents that could undermine the neutrality and fairness of ICC events."

Bangladesh wanted their games to be moved to Sri Lanka. They also suggested swapping their group with Ireland but the ICC remained steadfast. Both parties had a couple of meetings but there was no end to the impasse. It's to be noted that the Bangladesh government arrived at this decision of not sending their team to the World Cup in India.

As far as the ICC is concerned, they undertook 'an extensive process' to 'address concerns raised by the 'BCB'. "The decision follows an extensive process undertaken by the ICC to address concerns raised by the BCB regarding the hosting of its scheduled matches in India," they added in the release.

"Over a period of more than three weeks, the ICC engaged with the BCB through multiple rounds of dialogue conducted in a transparent and constructive manner, including meetings held both via video conference and in-person. As part of this process, the ICC reviewed the concerns cited by the BCB, commissioned and considered independent security assessments from internal and external experts, and shared detailed security and operational plans covering federal and state arrangements, as well as enhanced and escalating security protocols for the event. These assurances were reiterated at several stages, including during discussions involving the ICC Business Corporation (IBC) Board." This entire issue began when the BCCI asked the Kolkata Knight Riders to drop Mustafizur Rahman. In return, the Bangladesh government first cancelled all IPL broadcasts for this year before informing the ICC of their refusal to travel to India.

HOW THE DOMINOES FELL

When the Kolkata Knight Riders bagged Mustafizur Rahman for over ₹9 cr last month, nobody could have predicted the domino of that particular signing. A look...

DECEMBER 16, 2025
- KKR bags Mustafizur Rahman at the IPL auctions for a ₹9.2 cr

JANUARY 1, 2026
- A few weeks later, a few BJP leaders question why KKR bagged Rahman. Sangeet Som, a former member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, branded Shah Rukh Khan a 'traitor'. "On one hand, Hindus are being killed in Bangladesh, and on the other hand, cricketers are being bought in the IPL. The traitorous film actor Shah Rukh Khan has bought Bangladeshi cricketer Rahman for ₹9 crore. Such traitors have no right to live in this country," Som said during a public event in Meerut.

JANUARY 2
- Bangladesh Cricket Board publishes its home season, slotting a full white-ball tour of India comprising three ODIs and T20Is in Sept.

JANUARY 3
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) asks KKR to release Rahman. Devajit Saikia, board secretary, doesn't go into the specifics but says 'recent developments going on all across...' KKR obliges.

JANUARY 4
- BCB sends a letter to the International Cricket Council (ICC) saying that they will not travel to India for the T20 World Cup. They said it was to do with the 'safety and well-being' of players in the light of heightened diplomatic tensions between the two countries.

JANUARY 5
- The Bangladesh government also announce that they have banned the broadcast of the 2026 edition of the Indian Premier League in their country. It was taken 'in public interest', they said.

FROM JANUARY 7
- Their sports advisor, Asif Nazrul, wants to explore the option of playing their games in Sri Lanka. They open two-way communication channel with the ICC.
- ICC's own security assessment doesn't throw anything out of the ordinary. Bangladesh open the door to possibly swapping themselves with Ireland but ICC dismiss that suggestion privately.
- Bangladesh's stance remain so Scotland will replace them at the tournament.
- Bangladesh talks about the possibility of taking their case to ICC's own Dispute Council but they may not be the right sub committee to hear this. There remains the option of going to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- An ICC vote upholds the original schedule meaning Bangladesh would have to come to India to fulfil their group stage matches. If they don't turn up, Scotland would be called up in place of them as they are the highest ranked T20 team without qualifying.

(Left) Bangladesh team. (Above) Sri Lanka's Dasun Shanaka (2L) and Matheesha Pathirana in the T20 WC trophy presentation

Financial implications

THE implications of this unceremonious ouster will also badly hit Bangladeh Cricket Board's coffers. The board will lose USD 500,000 participation fee that each nation gets. But the bigger potential loss will be annual revenue which every member nation gets from the International Cricket Council (ICC) annually.

The BCB annually receives close to USD 27 million (330 crore BDT) as a share of its revenue from the ICC and that itself constitutes around 60 percent of its annual budget. Add to it, the loss of sponsorship money for not playing the tournament.

Future series & 2031 WC

India are scheduled to play three T20Is and as many ODIs. Besides, India and Bangladesh are co-hosting the ODI World Cup in 2031. It needs to be seen if the world governing body will penalise Bangladesh by stripping them of the hosting rights for the marquee competition. Interestingly, the 2027 Asia Cup is also in Bangladesh.

EARLIER INSTANCES OF PULLOUTS AND BOYCOTTS

Bangladesh withdrawing from an ICC event could result in a lasting impact for the game there but this isn't the first instance of a country withdrawing from an ICC event. A look at a few examples from decades gone by...

1996 WORLD CUP
West Indies and Australia refuse to travel to Sri Lanka because of security concerns. It was straight forfeitures and the ICC awarded two wins to Sri Lanka who go on to win the World Cup

2003 WORLD CUP
England do not travel to Zimbabwe to protest the Mugabe regime. New Zealand refuse to play Kenya in Kenya citing security reasons. ICC awards full points to Kenya and Zimbabwe

2009 T20 WORLD CUP
Zimbabwe does not feature in the tournament in England. Scotland were called as replacement

2025 CHAMPIONS TROPHY
Two years after Pakistan travelled to India for the World Cup in controlled conditions (specific venues), India refuse to travel to Pak citing no govt clearance. After plenty of back channel lobbying, all India games were held in Dubai. In a reciprocal arrangement, all Pak would get to play ICC/ACC games hosted by India at neutral venues

Cricket Scotland thanks ICC for this opportunity

Cricket Scotland's chief executive Trudy Lindblade on Saturday expressed gratitude towards the ICC for inviting his country to next month's T20 World Cup in place of Bangladesh, adding that they are "preparing to arrive in India immediately". "Earlier today I received correspondence from the ICC asking if our men's team would play at the Men's T20 World Cup, and we have accepted," Lindblade said on CS website. "We are grateful to the ICC for extending this invite. This is an exciting opportunity for Scotland's players to compete on the global stage in front of millions of supporters. We also acknowledge this opportunity has arisen out of challenging and unique circumstances. Our squad have been training for some weeks in preparation for upcoming tours and are now preparing to arrive in India." They will name the team soon.

Pakistan comes out in support of Bangladesh

The Pakistan Cricket Board, reportedly the only board to have voted in support of Bangladesh at the ICC meeting, have said that they will reconsider their place in the 20-team event. "Our stance (on the World Cup participation) will be what the government of Pakistan instructs me," he said. "The Prime Minister is not in Pakistan right now. When he returns, I'll be able to give you our final decision. It's the government's decision. We obey them, not the ICC." Mohsin Naqvi, one of the men behind the Asia Cup kerfuffle in September, also accused the ICC of 'doubles standards'. "I think Bangladesh has been hard done by," he said. "You can't have double standards. You can't say for one country (India) they can do whatever they want and for the others to have to do the complete opposite. That's why we've taken this stand."

Italian Jannik Sinner receives treatment from the medical team on Saturday | AFP

OZ Open: Sinner battles heat, Osaka pulls out

AGENCIES @ Melbourne

BRUTAL heat triggered a five-hour suspension of matches on outside courts at the Australian Open on Saturday as Novak Djokovic powered to another landmark win but Naomi Osaka pulled out. Players and spectators roasted on day seven at Melbourne Park, where temperatures soared to 38C. On a dramatic day on and off court, reigning champions Jannik Sinner and Madison Keys moved into the last 16, as did 10-time winner Djokovic.

Two-time champion Osaka was supposed to be in action in the third round but pulled out hours before because of an abdominal injury.

Swiatek, the second seed from Poland, survived a roller coaster to beat 31st Russian seed Anna Kalinskaya 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

Djokovic landmark

The Serbian great is on his latest mission to win a record 25th Grand Slam crown. The 38-year-old swept past Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) on Rod Laver Arena. He becomes the first player to win 400 Grand Slam matches. "I'm still around. I'm hanging in there," said Djokovic, who has looked in ominous touch, yet to drop a set. His reward is a meeting with Jakub Mensik.

Madhya Pradesh take control against Karnataka

ENS/AGENCIES @ Alur

HIMANSHU Mantri made an unbeaten 89 off 203 balls as Madhya Pradesh established an overall lead of 336 runs against Karnataka at stumps in their Ranji Trophy match on Saturday. Mantri added 58 runs for the second wicket with Shubham Sharma after Yash Dubey departed in the early stages of MP's second innings. With Mantri solid at one end, MP managed to swell their lead past 300, and put the match possibly beyond Karnataka.

Innings win for Chandigarh

MANGALAPURAM: Chandigarh bowlers tore through Kerala batting line-up for a second time to carry their side to an emphatic innings and 92-run victory. Kerala resumed from overnight 21 for two and required to score 256 more runs to avoid an innings defeat. But off-spinner Vishu Kashyap (3/41) and Rohit Dhanda (4/38) wreaked havoc as the home side was bowled out for 185.

Hyderabad follow on

HYDERABAD: A dominant Mumbai closed in on an outright win with bonus point against Hyderabad, reducing the hosts to 166 for seven after enforcing the follow-on. Spinner Himanshu Singh returned with 3/39 while pacer Tushar Deshpande (2/68) and Mohit Avasthi (2/54) chipped in as well, bowling out Hyderabad for 267 in their first innings.

Andhra need 166 to win

ANANTAPUR: Andhra managed to turn things around, firstly by restricting Vidarbha to 191, and getting a good start in their chase of 259. Apart from Yash Rathod (56) and Aman Mokhade (51), the rest of the Vidarbha batters failed to score big runs.

Delhi respond in 2nd essay

BENGALURU: Delhi showed gumption in their second innings after being dominated by Chhattisgarh on the first two. Delhi reached 158/3 in the second innings with another 131 runs in deficit, as Chhattisgarh had piled up 505 in their first innings.

Sonu shines with bat

BHUBANESWAR: 24 hours after his maiden fifer in first-class cricket, all-rounder Sonu Yadav put on a strong performance with the bat, scoring 74 runs to set a hefty target of 455 for hosts Odisha.

SELECT SCORES

Group A: At Bhubaneswar: TN 286 and 316 in 88.2 ovs (Athish SR 88, Sonu Yadav 74; Badal Biswal 3/56) vs Odisha 148 and 47/2 in 15.3 ovs (Subhranshu Senapati 36 batting); At Anantapur: Vidarbha 295 and 191 in 55.2 (Yash Rathod 56, Aman Mokhade 51; K Saiteja 4/28, Nitish Kumar 2/29) vs Andhra 228 and 93/1 in 26 ovs (Shaikh Rasheed 50 batting); **Group B:** At Alur: Madhya Pradesh: 323 and 204/6 in 71 ovs (Himanshu Mantri 89 batting; Vidhyadhar Patil 3/39) vs Karnataka 191; At Mangalapuram: Kerala 139 and 185 in 48 ovs (Vishnu Vinod 56, Salman Nizar 53; Rohit Dhanda 4/38) lost to Chandigarh 416. **Group D:** At Hyderabad: Mumbai 560 vs Hyderabad 267 in 82.2 ovs (Rahul Gahlaut 96; Himanshu Singh 3/39, Mohit Avasthi 2/54) & (F/O) 166/7 in 39.3 ovs (K Himateja 43; Musheer Khan 3/38); At Bengaluru: Delhi 216 & 158/3 in 30 ovs (Priyansh Arya 82; Shubham Agrawal 1/25) vs Chhattisgarh 505 in 156.5 ovs (Ayush Pandey 183, Anuj Tiwary 108; Sumit Mathur 3/94).

SA20: Ganguly's role in PC success

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

FROM captaining the Indian cricket team to helming the Indian cricket board (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly has donned multiple hats. Continuing the trend, the former stylish left-hand batter assumed the role of Pretoria Capitals coach in the ongoing SA20.

As the tournament culminates on Sunday with the final between Capitals and Sunrisers Eastern Cape, Ganguly has an opportunity to lift the trophy, albeit as a coach, in the country where he lost the ODI World Cup final 23 years ago. The team, captained by South African spinner Keshav Maharaj finished on top of the points table, qualified for the final after beating Sunrisers Eastern Cape in Qualifier 1.

On Sunday, they face the same opponents, who beat Paarl Royals in Qualifier 2 to make it to the summit clash. Ahead of the final, Ganguly opened up about his new role, and explained the key takeaways from his time in South Africa. He said he kept in touch with his players via calls to check up on them soon after the auction in September 2025. "I met (Dewald) Brevis and Keshav Maharaj in India when they were touring with the South African team, we had dinner together. I stayed in touch via WhatsApp, even with other boys like Lungi (Ngidi), Lizaad (Williams) Gideon (Peters) Codi (Yusuf), who were coming out of injuries. (How) they would recover in time because in these leagues, getting your best players fit is very important."

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

West Ham players celebrate a goal against Sunderland on Saturday | AP

EPL: Lowly West Ham thump Sunderland 3-1

AGENCIES @ London

WEST Ham crushed Sunderland 3-1 on Saturday to make it two wins out of two and climb to within two points of Premier League safety.

The home side effectively had the game sewn up by half-time after Crysencio Summerville's opener, Jarrod Bowen's penalty and a long-range rocket from Mateus Fernandes. Nuno Espirito Santo's men won their second consecutive game in the league. They won at Tottenham last week and they carried that confidence into their match at the London Stadium on Saturday, producing a storming first-half display against the pallid visitors. Summerville broke the deadlock in the 14th minute with a superb header from Bowen's teasing cross. Bowen then doubled West Ham's lead from the penalty spot. West Ham went 3-0 up when Fernandes, smashed an unstoppable shot past the goalkeeper Brian Brobbey gave them faint hope when he headed home a Nordi Mukiele cross midway through the second half but West Ham maintained their two-goal cushion despite nervy moments.

WPL: Delhi Capitals thrash Royal Challengers Bengaluru

VADODARA: Delhi Capitals produced a disciplined bowling show to bowl table-toppers Royal Challengers Bengaluru out for 109 in their Women's Premier League match on Saturday. Laura Wolvaardt made an unbeaten 42 as Delhi chased down the target in 15.4 overs. Earlier, sent in to bat, captain Smriti Mandhana top-scored for RCB with a 34-ball 38.

For DC, Nandani Sharma (3/26) took three wickets while Marizanne Kapp (2/17), Minnu Mani (2/18) and Chinelle Henry (2/22) got two wickets apiece. Shree Charani took one wicket.

Brief scores: Royal Challengers Bengaluru 109 all out in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 38; Nandini Sharma 3/26) **lost to** Delhi Capitals 111/3 in 15.4 ovs (Laura Wolvaardt 42 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

TATA steel chess: Gukesh loses to Anish

WIJK AAN ZEE: D Gukesh's TATA Steel Masters went from bad to worse as he went down to Anish Giri in the seventh round on Saturday. Gukesh, who resigned on the spot against Nodirbek Abdusattarov after a blunder in the previous round, playing with white on Saturday, progressively lost his positional discipline before resigning. The Indian world champions finids himself in 11th place.

U19 WC: India crush NZ by 7 wickets

BULAWAYO: Skipper Ayush Mhatre's 27-ball 53 underlined India's another dominant show as they notched a crushing seven-wicket victory via DLS method over New Zealand in the U-19 World Cup. An all-round India won a truncated game of 37-overs-per-side with ease. Chasing a revised target of 130, India made 130/3 in a mere 13.3 overs to win and top Group B.

Pratika, Vaishnavi, Kranti included in Test

NEW DELHI: India's World Cup winning star Pratika Rawal along with left-arm spinner Vaishnavi Sharma and seamer Kranti Gaud received their maiden call-up for the one-off Test against Australia. The match will be held at Perth from March 6 to 9. The 15-member squad will be led by Harmanpreet Kaur. The tour Down Under will begin with three T20Is and three ODIs from February 15.

By March 2025, platforms such as Blinkit, Zepto, and Swiggy were collectively delivering over 48 lakh orders daily, nearly doubling volumes year-on-year, reshaping urban consumption patterns

The hidden labour behind 10-minute deliveries

ILLUSTRATION : MANDAR PARDIKAR

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

QUICK commerce, or colloquially, q-commerce, represents a distinct modality of e-commerce structured around the promise of ultra-rapid delivery of everyday essentials, typically within a window of 10 to 30 minutes. Operating through localised hubs or 'dark stores', it functions within tightly knit, hyper-local neighbourhood networks. Orders are placed via mobile applications, processed through algorithmic systems, and executed by app-based workers whose labour underwrites the sector's defining imperative—speed. In March 2025, India's leading quick-commerce platforms, including Blinkit, Zepto and Swiggy Instamart, together delivered over 48 lakh orders daily, nearly doubling their scale from the previous year and signalling a qualitative transformation in grocery consumption patterns across India's urban landscape.

In January 2026, amid escalating safety concerns and widespread labour protests, India's Union Ministry of Labour stepped in to curtail the ultra-fast "10-minute delivery" marketing claims. On 13 January 2026, following a series of deliberations between labour minister Mansukh Mandaviya and senior executives from leading platforms, including Blinkit, Zepto, Swiggy Instamart and Zomato, the companies were urged to discontinue explicit "10-minute delivery" assertions across their advertisements, apps, and promotional materials. Consequently, Blinkit promptly amended its tagline from "10,000+ products delivered in 10 minutes" to "30,000+ products delivered at your doorstep," while Swiggy, Zepto and others indicated imminent rebranding adjustments.

Global origins, Indian trajectory

The q-commerce model first emerged globally in the mid-2010s. Getir, founded in Turkey in 2015, is widely recognised as the earliest avatar to scale instant grocery delivery. Comparable models subsequently sprouted across Europe through companies such as Glovo and subsidiaries of Delivery Hero. The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated the transition of instant delivery from a niche convenience to a mass necessity.

In India, Swiggy launched Instamart in 2020 by extending its food-delivery infrastructure into groceries and household essentials. Grofers, founded in 2013, pivoted decisively towards a 10-minute delivery model in 2021 and rebranded as Blinkit, explicitly embracing the q-commerce paradigm. Zepto entered the market the same year as a q-commerce-only startup. The size and impact of this sector can be fathomed by the fact that on New Year's Eve 2026, Zomato and Blinkit together fulfilled a record 75 lakh orders in a single day, serving over 63 lakh customers through more than 4.5 lakh delivery partners, even amid calls for a nationwide gig-worker strike.

Loss-making business model

One of the many commonalities among these q-commerce firms is that almost all of them incur substantial losses annually. The entire q-commerce segment in India operates on a distinctive model in which present-day losses are deliberately absorbed as a strategic subsidy to capture market share, largely underwritten by venture capital. This approach, while financially viable for well-capitalised platforms, can be deleterious for competition, as sustained subsidies in the form of venture capital enable them to undercut prices and often driving smaller retailers out of the market. A growing body of scholarship on the gig and platform economy corroborates how these firms manipulate financial losses during their expansionary phase by externalising costs and risks onto labour and ancillary actors.

Empirical examples from India reinforce this dynamic: Zomato, after years of losses, reported its first profitable quarter in FY 2022–23. Globally, the trajectory of Amazon provides a parallel: initial loss-making through aggressive pricing and logistics investment enabled the platform to capture market share, after which it achieved profitability while smaller competitors were edged out.

Workforce expansion

This expansion is predicated upon a vast, flexible, readily replaceable and vulnerable workforce. Reuters estimates that over 400,000 delivery workers are engaged in India's instant-delivery ecosystem, a figure that almost certainly understates the true magnitude when informal, intermittent and part-time participation is taken into account. These workers are formally designated as "delivery partners", a legal classification that enables platforms to exercise extensive control through algorithmic management while not recognising as workers.

This permits platforms to discipline labour via opaque software-driven mechanisms, including the unilateral and often unexplained deactivation of worker IDs, without commensurate accountability. Scholarly literature conceptualises this regime as one of "algorithmic control", which systematically erodes worker autonomy and engenders what Guy Standing describes as the precariat (a portmanteau created by subsuming two words: precarious and proletariat).

Working hours, economic precarity

Working hours within the sector remain largely unregulated. Numerous workers report routinely logging 9-12 hours per day to secure sufficient orders and performance-linked incentives, particularly during peak demand cycles and festive periods. While platforms regularly advertise flexibility, declining per-order remuneration, rising fuel and maintenance costs, and stodgy urban traffic exert persistent pressure on workers (delivery partners) to remain logged in for extended durations. Gross earnings for delivery partners were reported at approximately ₹102–105 per hour in 2025; however, after accounting for operational expenses and vehicle costs, net monthly incomes frequently compress to between ₹18,000 and ₹22,000.

Quantitative studies on gig work in India indicate that the net earnings of food-delivery workers average around ₹265 per day, substantially below those of the typical self-employed worker or casual labourer in urban contexts. This fragile income profile, combined with the absence of employment benefits, coheres with the notion of "shadow employment", wherein workers remain economically productive yet institutionally dispensable.

Social security gaps

Social security coverage for delivery workers remains conspicuously inadequate, if not entirely absent. Although India's labour reforms include the Code on Social Security, 2020—which envisages aggregator contributions towards health insurance, pensions and welfare schemes—implementation has been uneven and lackadaisical, leaving most delivery workers without minimum-wage guarantees, paid leave or robust dispute-resolution mechanisms.

A handful of state governments have initiated interventions. Karnataka enacted the Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2025, mandating aggregator contributions to welfare funds and establishing a dedicated welfare board. Rajasthan had earlier passed similar legislation creating a gig-workers' welfare board financed through levies on aggregators. Telangana and Delhi had likewise signalled policy initiatives to extend protections, though critics argue that these measures fall short of ensuring enforceable work standards or statutory minimum wages. Academic research consistently emphasises that in the absence of comprehensive and enforceable regulatory frameworks, gig work is likely to remain structurally precarious and economically volatile.

Collective action and nationwide mobilisation

Till date, the delivery workers have made a few attempts to mobilise for collective bargaining. On December 31, 2025, gig and platform workers across India participated in a nationwide strike called by the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union and the Indian Federation of App-Based Transport Workers (IFAT), with support from regional collectives across multiple states. The action followed an earlier flash strike on December 25, which unions claimed disrupted 50–60 per cent of deliveries in several cities. Union leaders framed the mobilisation as a protest against declining per-order payouts, unsafe delivery targets, arbitrary account deactivations and the complete absence of social security.

Estimates suggest that approximately 1.7 lakh workers participated in the December 31 protest. The strike's demands centred on higher and stable remuneration, statutory recognition as workers, comprehensive accident and health insurance, pension coverage, regulated working hours and transparent grievance-redressal mechanisms.

The strike unfolded against a backdrop of surging delivery volumes. Platforms responded by dangling incentive bonuses and surge payments to sustain operations during the holiday peak. Although localised disruptions were reported, services stabilised as the day progressed, illustrating both the potential and the structural limitations of gig-worker mobilisation within a fragmented and algorithmically managed workforce. Analytical models suggest that cooperative remuneration structures yield more stable outcomes than punitive or excessively incentive-driven regimes.

The conditions precipitating these protests are also reflected in recurrent road-safety hazards. In early January 2026, a Zepto delivery partner was killed in a road accident in Hyderabad, prompting union condemnation of high-pressure delivery regimes. Comparable fatalities and assaults involving delivery workers have been reported across the National Capital Region and Bengaluru.

Public debate

Proponents of q-commerce, including sections of tech economists, startup commentators, argued that the sector represents an efficiency-enhancing innovation that reduces transaction costs, expands consumer choice, formalises parts of informal retail through supply-chain integration, and generates large-scale employment opportunities for the urban youth. In contrast, intellectuals like Jean Dréze, Reetika Khera, Jan Breman have been arguing that q-commerce entrenches precarious work, undermines labour protections through misclassification, accelerates the displacement of small retailers, and represents a form of capital-subsidised competition that erodes social welfare in the long run. Internationally, thinkers like Nick Srnicek and Shoshana Zuboff situate quick commerce within a wider critique of platform capitalism, highlighting its reliance on venture-capital-financed losses, algorithmic control, and data extraction, while labour activists and union-linked intellectuals foreground the moral and social costs of speed-driven delivery regimes, including road safety risks and psychological stress.

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	Mr. T Mohanrao (Borrower) and Mrs. Mahalakshmi (Co-Borrower)	Loan A/c No. 639198027 Rs.69,25,640/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Only) as on 30.09.2025	28.10.2025	24.01.2026	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Survey **No. 57/4** (Municipal No. 29/57/4), measuring 3 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by:** Property of Sri. Krishnappa, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **West by :** Remaining portion of Survey No.57/4 of Krishnappa, Presently owned by H.K. Shakunthala, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **North by :** Kanchi Varadappa's land and Hanumanthadevara inamthi land, Presently water drain and Bangalore Development Authority; **South by:** Private Property. **Schedule B:** An **695 Sq. feet** of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property, more fully described in the Schedule B' hereto, and A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing **No. 302,** 3rd Floor, Block Jade, to be constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property having a Carpet area of 1,618.15 Square Feet PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/180917/002010) forming part of the project named and styled as **"MAANGLAYA PROSPER SIGNATURE BLOCK"** bounded on the: **East by:** Lobby, **West by** : Open Space, **North by :** Flat No. J 303, **South by :** Open Space.
2	Mrs. Nagendranath R Meenakshi Mother of Mr.Nagendranath Srikanth (Borrower) [since deceased] Mr. Nagendranath Sridhar Brother of Mr.Nagendranath Srikanth (Borrower) [since deceased], And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr.Nagendranath Srikanth (Borrower) [since deceased] Mrs. Nagendranath R Meenakshi (Co-Borrower) & Mr. Nagendranath Sridhar (Co-Borrower) [since deceased]	Loan A/c No. 1) 685958330 Rs.32,91,601/- 2) 687637728 Rs. 2,54,806/- 3) 688718834 Rs.19,67,062/- 4) 689675726 Rs.1,53,903/- 5) 692737170 Rs.1,32,046/- 6) 702500190 Rs.15,22,160/- Total Amount Rs.73,21,578/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) as on 30.09.2025	30.10.2025	24.01.2026	**Schedule A :** House Property bearing **No.467,** situated at 3rd Cross, 8th Main, Uttarahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk in the layout formed by the Bharath Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., Ward No.55, consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor with the total construction and measuring 1600 square feet built on a Site measuring East to West : 30 feet; North to South : 40 feet and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.468; **West by :** Site No.466; **North by:** House Property bearing No.453; **South by** : Road. **Schedule B:** Portion of the 'A' Schedule Property i.e. Portion in the First Floor of the House Property bearing **No.467**, situated at 3rd Cross, 8th Main, Uttarahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk in the layout formed by the Bharath Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., Ward No.55, consisting of one room in the south west corner, bath room and balcony totally measuring approximately **4.5 squares** and bounded on the : **East by :** Passage of Ground Floor; **West by :** Passage of Ground Floor; **North by :** Staircase and another room in North East Corner, **South by :** Passage of Ground Floor;

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken **symbolic** possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 25.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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E-AUCTION SALE ON 26.02.2026

APPENDIX – IV A
[See Proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, HDFC Ltd. on 26th April, 2017 which was subsequently assigned to ANA ARC Pvt. Ltd. , the secured creditor herein on 30th November, 2020 vide Assignment Agreement with regard to the assets as described in schedule property and pursuant to the Assignment Agreement, borrower, guarantor and ANA ARC Pvt. Ltd. executed the Master Amendment Agreement, dated 01st December, 2020.

In exercise of its rights as secured Creditor, the ANA ARC Pvt Ltd., had issued Notices under Sec.13(2) on 03.06.2024 and Possession Notice on 19.12.2024 under Sec.13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. And subsequently pursuant to the Order of the Hon'ble CJM Rural, Bengaluru **Physical Possession** of the said Secured Asset had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the ANA ARC Pvt Ltd., on 14.08.2025, which will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS", "AS HOW IS", and on a "NO RECOURSE"** basis on 26.02.2026 for recovery of Rs. 17,32,63,799/-(Rupees Seventeen Crores Thirty-Two Lakhs Sixty-Three Thousand and Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Only) as on 02nd June 2024 (02.06.2024) as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of the Act and which is Rs.26,45,81,200/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Crores, Forty–Five Lakhs, Eighty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Only) as on 23rd January 2026 along with further interest, from 24th January 2026 and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the Secured Creditor/ M/s. ANA ARC Pvt Ltd. from the Borrower/Mortgagor, **M/s. Aubergine Properties Pvt.Ltd.,** Regd. Office: No. 11, Gangadhar Chetty Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore -560042, Karnataka, Also at: Whitefield Towers, Survey No.173/1 and 173/2, KannamangalaVillage, BidarahalliHobli, Bangalore -560 067, Karnataka, and the guarantor **Mr. Antony George Kunnel,** Residing at: Villa 56, Prestige Oasis, Rajanukunte, Bangalore-560 064, Karnataka.

The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment, time & date of e-auction and last day of submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the property to be sold will be as under:

First Pari Passu Charge of ANA ARC Pvt. Ltd. along with Axis Trustee Services Ltd.

All that piece and parcel of the Security Interest Property comprising of 80 Commercial Units in the project named as "Whitefield Towers" situated at various levels, admeasuring 4,81,620 Sq.Ft. of super built up area (i.e. the Mortgagor's share) in the project, i.e. "Whitefield Tower" constructed on its land admeasuring 4 Acres and 16 Guntas and bearing survey numbers 173/1 and 173/2 situated at Kannamangala Village, BidarahalliHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore together with all development rights accruing therefrom and proportionate undivided share of land and building constructed thereupon more fully described as hereunder will be sold as **"SINGLE LOT"** , the details of which are as under

S. No.	Reserve Price (At and Below which the property will not be sold) Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Bid Increment Amount Rs.	Time & date of e-Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1	138,00,00,000/-	13,80,00,000/-	5,00,000/-	2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m on 26.02.2026 with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.	25.02.2026 upto4.00pm. Bank details:Canara Bank Domlur Branch, Account Name: ANA ARC WT19 Account No. 9921201000089, IFS Code:CNRB0003220

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

TENDER No: ANA ARC/6/2025-2026

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Property Details: (Property under Physical possession of ANA ARC Private Limited)

All that piece and parcel of 80 commercial units (including hotel area, amenities, museum area and retail area) as listed below, admeasuring 4,81,620 Sq.Ft. of super built up area (i.e. the Mortgagor's share) in the project, i.e. "Whitefield Tower" constructed on its land admeasuring 4 Acres and 16 Guntas and bearing survey numbers 173/1 and 173/2 situated at Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore together with all development rights accruing therefrom and proportionate undivided share of land and building constructed thereupon and bounded on the East by :Private Property, West by: White field Hoskote Road, North by : Private Property, South by : 3.65 meters wide passage road running 200.86 meters East to West alongside the boundary wall of 4 Acres and 16 Guntas.

Sl.No.	Level	Type	Unit No.	Super Built Up Area (in Sq.ft)
1	Level 1	Retail Mall	N/A	49,229
2	Level 2	Retail Mall	N/A	25,108
3	Level 8	Commercial	O1-01	2,030
4	Level 8	Commercial	O1-02	2,035
5	Level 8	Commercial	O1-03	2,035
6	Level 8	Commercial	O1-04	2,035
7	Level 8	Commercial	O1-05	2,035
8	Level 8	Commercial	O1-06	4,145
9	Level 8	Commercial	O1-07	5,970
10	Level 8	Commercial	O1-08	6,240
11	Level 8	Commercial	O1-09	4,145
12	Level 8	Commercial	O1-10	2,035
13	Level 8	Commercial	O1-11	2,035
14	Level 8	Commercial	O1-12	2,035
15	Level 8	Commercial	O1-13	2,035
16	Level 8	Commercial	O1-14	2,030
17	Level 8	Commercial	O1-20	4,145
18	Level 8	Commercial	O1-21	7,865
19	Level 8	Commercial	O1-22	5,970
20	Level 8	Commercial	O1-23	4,145
21	Level 8	Commercial	O1-24	2,035
22	Level 8	Commercial	O1-25	2,035
23	Level 8	Commercial	O1-26	2,035
24	Level 8	Commercial	O1-27	2,035
25	Level 8	Commercial	O1-28	2,030
26	Level 8	Commercial	O1-29	810
27	Level 8	Commercial	O1-30	810
28	Level 8	Commercial	O1-31	810
29	Level 8	Commercial	O1-32	810
30	Level 9	Commercial	O2-07	5,970
31	Level 9	Commercial	O2-08	6,240
32	Level 9	Commercial	O2-09	4,335
33	Level 11	Commercial	O4-08	7,865
34	Level 11	Commercial	O4-09	4,145
35	Level 11	Commercial	O4-21	6,240
36	Level 11	Commercial	O4-22	5,970
37	Level 11	Commercial	O4-23	4,145
38	Level 11	Commercial	O4-24	2,035
39	Level 11	Commercial	O4-25	2,035
40	Level 11	Commercial	O4-31	810
41	Level 11	Commercial	O4-32	810
42	Level 12	Commercial	O5-32	810
43	Level 15	Commercial	O8-01	2,030
44	Level 15	Commercial	O8-02	2,035
45	Level 15	Commercial	O8-03	2,035
46	Level 15	Commercial	O8-04	2,035
47	Level 15	Commercial	O8-05	2,035
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53	Level 15	Commercial	O8-11	2,035
54	Level 15	Commercial	O8-12	2,035
55	Level 15	Commercial	O8-13	2,035
56	Level 15	Commercial	O8-14	2,030
57	Level 15	Commercial	O8-15	2,030
58	Level 15	Commercial	O8-16	2,035
59	Level 15	Commercial	O8-17	2,035
60	Level 15	Commercial	O8-18	2,035
61	Level 15	Commercial	O8-19	2,035
62	Level 15	Commercial	O8-20	4,145
63	Level 15	Commercial	O8-21	6,240
64	Level 15	Commercial	O8-21T	532
65	Level 15	Commercial	O8-22	5,970
66	Level 15	Commercial	O8-23	4,145
67	Level 15	Commercial	O8-24	2,035
68	Level 15	Commercial	O8-25	2,035
69	Level 15	Commercial	O8-26	2,035
70	Level 15	Commercial	O8-27	2,035
71	Level 15	Commercial	O8-28	2,030
72	Level 15	Commercial	O8-29	810
73	Level 15	Commercial	O8-30	810
74	Level 15	Commercial	O8-31	810
75	Level 15	Commercial	O8-32	810
76	Level 16	Hotel	N/A	69,513
77	Level 17	Hotel	N/A	62,078
78	Level 18	Amenities	N/A	30,000
79	Level 19	Museum	N/A	15,415
80	Level 20	Museum	N/A	15,415

Encumbrances known if any: First pari passu charge with Axis Trustee Security Ltd.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, M/s. ANA ARC Pvt. Ltd., No. 299, 1st Floor, Amarjyothi Layout, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071, i.e., www.anaarc.com and www.auctionbazaar.com. (Contact@auctionbazaar.com/+91-7799510999)

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 23.01.2026

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